

Staff Report

Subject: Consideration to allow the Mutual Aid Agreement with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to continue.

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Department: Purchasing and Animal Shelter

Meeting Date: 03-5-2024

Item Description: Mutual Aid Agreement Renewal with ASPCA

Summary Recommendation: Approval to renew

Executive Summary/Background:

- The County has an agreement in place with the ASPCA to facilitate the identification and coordination of assistance and animal rescue efforts. The parties' objective is to maximize the welfare of animals and their care-takers before, during, and after a major incident, and to minimize the loss of life and animal suffering that might occur following such an incident. The agreement runs from 4 April 2017 until 4 April 2022, after which there is an automatic renewal for a period of 5 years.
- In the event of an emergency this agreement will allow the county to request assistance from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).
- The ASPCA will provide assistance with temporary animal sheltering if an evacuation of our facility becomes necessary.
- Each party shall be responsible for all of its own costs associated with providing assistance unless previously agreed upon arrangements have been made.
- ASPCA personnel and equipment will be, to the greatest extent possible, self-sufficient for operations in areas stricken by disasters or emergencies, including animal cruelty events.
- Each party will be responsible for providing its own insurance coverage.
- The agreement runs from 04-04-17 until 04-04-22, with an automatic renewal for a period of 5 years unless terminated with 15 days written notice by either party at any time.
- The agreement has previously been reviewed and approved to form by the County Attorney.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Board approval to allow the Mutual Aid Agreement with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to continue.
2. Cancel the Mutual Aid Agreement with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals by giving 15 days written notice.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Purchasing & Animal Shelter

Funding Source: As needed in emergency situations only

Attachments: Mutual Aid Agreement.