

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: March 4, 2025

Item Description: Mutual Aid Agreement Renewal with ASPCA

Summary Recommendation: Approval to renew

Executive Summary/Background:

The County has an agreement with the ASPCA to coordinate animal rescue and assistance efforts during and after major incidents. The goal is to protect animal welfare and minimize suffering. The agreement runs from April 4, 2017, to April 4, 2022, with automatic 5-year renewals thereafter.

- In the event of an emergency, the County may request assistance from the ASPCA.
- The ASPCA will assist with temporary sheltering of animals if an evacuation is necessary.
- Each party is responsible for its own costs unless otherwise agreed upon.
- ASPCA personnel and equipment will be self-sufficient to the extent possible during disasters or emergencies, including animal cruelty events.
- Each party will maintain its own insurance coverage.
- The agreement is effective from April 4, 2017, to April 4, 2022, with automatic 5-year renewals, unless terminated by either party with 15 days' written notice.
- The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement.
- Alternatives for Commission to Consider
- Board approval to allow the Mutual Aid Agreement with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to continue.
- 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