



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Nevada, the City of Nevada City, and the City of Grass Valley for collaboration with animal shelter development and services.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That Council 1) review and approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration with animal shelter development and services; and 2) authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU subject to legal review.

Prepared by: Timothy M. Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

Date Prepared: January 2, 2024

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: Animal shelter and control services are essential services provided to the residents of the County of Nevada. These services play a crucial role in safeguarding both people and animals by providing compassionate care, effective enforcement, education, and intervention. In the unincorporated areas of Nevada County, these services are contracted through a non-profit organization in partnership with the Nevada County Sheriff's Office and Information and General Services Agency. The City operates these services in incorporated jurisdictions of Grass Valley and Nevada City.

However, the animal shelter facilities in both the County and City have reached the end of their useful life. Therefore, a new facility needs to be developed and constructed to ensure the long-term successful operation of these services. The County of Nevada has already issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to engage an architectural and engineering firm to design and build a new animal shelter facility. This facility will be built on a 23-acre property owned by the County on La Barr Meadows Road, next to the current Nevada County Operations Center (NCOC).

The County of Nevada also aims to collaborate with the City of Nevada City and the City of Grass Valley on the design, construction, funding, and operation of this new facility and associated services. Consolidated animal sheltering and control services will help reduce the financial impact for each jurisdiction and provide improved centralized services to the community as a whole. The attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the terms of this partnership and collaboration.

Council Goals/Objectives: The execution of this action attempts to achieve Strategic Goal #5 - High Performance Government and Quality Service.

Fiscal Impact: No there is no Fiscal Impact associated with the terms of this MOU. If the City moves forward with the concept of consolidated animal shelter there would be a Fiscal Impact, which the MOU should help define.

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: Tim Kiser, City Manager

Attachments: None