



City of Grass Valley
City Council
Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Partnership between Grass Valley Police Animal Services and Wayward Journey

CEQA: This is not a project

Recommendation: Council directs the Chief of Police to sign an MOU with Wayward Journey benefitting the services at the Grass Valley Animal Shelter, subject to legal review.

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Council Meeting Date: 04/22/2025

Date Prepared: 04/10/2025

Agenda: Consent

Background Information:

On 04/08/2025, the Council received a presentation from Wayward Journey and the Grass Valley Police Department regarding a partnership that enhances services offered through the Grass Valley Animal Shelter.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) initially attached to that agenda item has been updated after additional input from all concerned parties (Grass Valley Police Department, Wayward Journey, the Grass Valley City Attorney's Office, and California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (CIRA)). That MOU, still subject to legal review, is attached for reference.

Staff request that the Chief of Police be authorized and directed to sign the MOU, formalizing the partnership and implementing the presented benefits.

Council Goals/Objectives: This action executes portions of Strategic Plan Core Goal of an efficient workplace and high-quality public safety services.

Fiscal Impact: No direct financial impact. Net positive in staff-time savings and shorter animal shelter stays.

Funds Available: N/A

Account #:

Attachments: Memorandum of Understanding between City of Grass Valley and Wayward Journey