

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS\***

**KERN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION**

**Kern County Administrative Building**  
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multipurpose Room

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 6:00p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.  
Commissioners Present: Ms. Anderson –Chairperson/Commissioner  
Ms. Madigan – Commissioner  
Mr. Blackburn – Commissioner  
Ms. Geary – Commissioner  
Ms. Perez – Commissioner (*non-voting member*)

Commissioners Excused:

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Interim Director, Kern County Animal Services  
Jeri S. Bradley – Deputy County Counsel, Kern County  
Maggie Kalar – Public Information Officer, Kern County Animal Services  
Blake Smith – Business Manager, Kern County Animal Services  
Jeff George – Volunteer Coordinator, Kern County Animal Services

*[When names appear in parenthesis, the motion initiating action on the agenda item was made by the first Commissioner named and seconded by the second Commissioner named.]*

**B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS:**

1. May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting.
2. June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion to Approve, Receive and File (*Madigan/Blackburn*) - All in favor

### **C. CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **1. CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION - Receive and File**

- a. E-mail received 5/21/15 from Lindsay and Lucia Haney regarding presentation to Animal Control Commission.

Motion to Receive and File (*Geary/Blackburn*) – All in favor

### **D. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting. Also, the Commission may act to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. Please state your name and address for the record before making your presentation. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES.**

Heard from Stacy Enns regarding backyard breeders in Kern County. Also heard from Supervisor Perez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Madigan and Commissioner Geary on this topic.

Heard from Traci McCann regarding the location of the Kern County ordinance that deals with the limitation of the number of litters allowed each year. Also hear from Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Madigan and Liz Keogh on this topic.

Heard from Steve Torres regarding the enforcement of ordinances. Also heard from Interim Director Cullen on this topic.

### **E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file
  - a. Jeff George, Volunteer Coordinator

Heard from Interim Director Cullen and Public Information Officer Maggie Kalar regarding the director's monthly report. Also heard from Supervisor Perez, Liz Keogh, Commissioner Madigan and Commissioner Blackburn on this topic.

Heard from Volunteer Coordinator Jeff George regarding a presentation to Volunteer Rhonda Montgomery for achieving 500 hours donated to the Department. Volunteer Rhonda Montgomery accepted her awards. Also heard from Supervisor Perez, Judi Daunell the President of the Friends of the Kern County Animal Shelters Foundation, Interim Director Cullen, Commissioner Blackburn, and Commissioner Anderson on this topic.

Motion to Receive and File (*Madigan/Geary*) – All in favor

## **F. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:**

On their own initiative, Commissioners may make an announcement or a report on their own activities. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff, or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2(a)).

Heard from Commissioner Geary regarding the inclusion of the statistics from the Bakersfield City Animal Care Center. Also heard from Commissioner Madigan, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Blackburn on this topic.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. STAFF REFERRALS**

NONE

### **2. DANGEROUS DOG ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

Heard from Commissioner Madigan regarding the latest update from the subcommittee and recommendations to include in the Department's procedures. Also heard from Kern County Counsel Jerri S. Bradley, Commissioner Geary, and Interim Director Cullen on this topic.

Heard from Lucia Haney regarding a clarification on County Counsel and Board of Supervisor duties in regards to the Dangerous Dog ordinance topic. Also heard from Kern County Counsel Jerri S. Bradley, Commissioner Anderson, Supervisor Perez and Commissioner Madigan on this topic.

Staff referral – procedural changes in Department's Dangerous Dog procedure that addresses recommendations from subcommittee meeting.

Motion to Receive and File (*Madigan/Geary*) – All in favor

### 3. SPAY/NEUTER FUNDS UPDATE

Heard from Business Manager Blake Smith regarding the end of the fiscal year update on the spay/neuter programs. Also heard from Supervisor Perez, Interim Director Cullen, Karen Carr and Lesley Long on this topic.

### 4. FRIENDS OF THE KERN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTERS UPDATE

Motion to Continue Item until next meeting (*Blackburn/Geary*) – All in favor

### 5. UPDATE ON LETTER OF VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR INTERIM DIRECTOR NICK CULLEN TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

Motion to Continue item until next meeting (*Blackburn/Geary*) – All in favor

### 6. UPDATE ON A REPORT TO THE BOARD IN REGARDS TO WHAT THE ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION ACTIVITIES WERE DURING 2014

Motion to Continue item until next meeting (*Blackburn/Geary*) – All in favor

### 7. REQUEST BY PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPORT OF ANIMAL RELATED REVISIONS TO COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

Heard from Scott Denney, Division Chief for Planning and Community Development Department with an update on proposed animal related revisions to zoning ordinances and asked for the support of the Animal Control Commission on this topic. Also heard from Commissioner Madigan, Liz Keogh, Interim Director Cullen, Gail Whitson and Commissioner Anderson on this topic.

Motion to Continue item discussion until next meeting (*Madigan/Geary*) – All in favor

## **H. NEW BUSINESS:**

## **I. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn (*Geary/Blackburn*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
6:00 p.m.

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Attest:



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Janice Anderson  
Chairman

*\*A full recording of the proceedings can be heard at [http://www.co.kern.ca.us/acd/AAC\\_AS.aspx](http://www.co.kern.ca.us/acd/AAC_AS.aspx)*