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KERN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Kern County Administrative Building
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301
3rd Floor, Multipurpose Room

October 21, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

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A. ROLL CALL: Mr. Blackburn – Chairperson, Ms. Geary – Vice Chairperson, Mr. Miller - Commissioner, Ms. Lopez - Commissioner, Mrs. Peters – Commissioner, and Mr. Parlier – Commissioner and Supervisor (*nonvoting member*)

Staff:

Nicholas Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services

Melissa Wells – Deputy Director, Kern County Animal Services

Andrew Hamilton - Deputy County Counsel, Kern County

Amber Chrissakis – Volunteer OSS, Kern County Animal Services

B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. September 16th, 2026 - Regular Meeting - Approve

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

These agenda items before the Animal Services Commission (Commission) may be acted upon with one motion if no member of the Commission or audience wishes to comment or ask questions.

1. CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION - Receive and file

- A. Email received 9/4 from Pratishka Khadka regarding Patrick Vaneck
- B. Email received 9/16 from Michelle Hrad about animals being neglected and off leash dogs
- C. Email received 9/16 from Sandy Giurlani PDF of speech she was unable to share in its entirety from the meeting
- D. Email 9/17 from Jeffrey Brege regarding found dog
- E. Email 9/18 from Katelyn Harris regarding lost dog
- F. Email 9/21 from Kin Shadle regarding veterinary care assistance
- G. Email 10/6 from Anonymous regarding animal cruelty
- H. Email 10/12 from Sandy Giurlani regarding dogs in the orchards

I. 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.**

J. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:

- a. **DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and File**

K. 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)).

L. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. STAFF REFERRALS – none

M. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Presentation from Kandice Webb regarding the programs, services, and successes of the SNIP Bus Kern Team.

N. ADJOURNMENT:

The next Animal Services Commission meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, November 18th, 2026

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