



# Coachella Valley Animal Campus

## COMMISSION MINUTES

### Animal Campus Commission

#### City of Cathedral City

Councilmember  
Mark Carnevale  
Mayor Stan Henry  
(Alternate)



#### City of Coachella

Councilmember Magdalena Zepeda  
Councilmember Betty Sanchez  
(Alternate)



#### City of Desert Hot Springs

Councilmember Joe McKee

#### City of Indian Wells

Mayor Ty Peabody  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Dana Reed  
(Alternate)



#### City of Indio

Councilmember Elaine Holmes  
Jason Chan  
(Alternate)

#### City of La Quinta

Councilmember John Pena  
Mayor Pro Tem Kristy Franklin  
(Alternate)



#### City of Palm Desert

Frankie Riddle

#### Friends of Palm Springs

##### Animal Shelter

Tamara Hedges-Vice President  
Dr. Shayda Ahkami- Shelter Director

#### City of Rancho Mirage

Mayor G. Dana Hobart  
Chairman



#### County of Riverside

John J. Benoit, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Patricia Cooper, Board Assistant  
Vice-Chair  
Marion Ashley, 5<sup>th</sup> District



#### Animal Samaritans

Len D. Betz, President  
Ex-Officio

#### County Staff

Carol-Ann Myers  
Executive Assistant I

**Wednesday, June 3, 2015**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Special Commission Meeting**  
**Department of Animal Services**  
**Budget Outlook**  
**CVAC**  
**72-050 Pet Land Place**  
**Thousand Palms, CA 92276**

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Animal Campus Commission Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, June 3 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Coachella Valley Animal Campus, 72-050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms, CA, by Chairman Dana Hobart, Mayor with the City of Rancho Mirage.

A roll call was conducted and it was determined that there was a quorum. The following were present:

#### Members in Attendance:

Dana Hobart, Mayor, Rancho Mirage  
Patricia Cooper, County of Riverside  
John Pena, Councilmember, La Quinta  
Betty Sanchez, Councilmember, City of Coachella  
Ty Peabody, Mayor, City of Indian Wells  
Elaine Holmes, Councilmember, City of Indio  
Joe McKee, Councilmember, Desert Hot Springs  
Frankie Riddle, City of Palm Desert  
Mark Carnevale, Councilmember, Cathedral City  
Fred Saunders, CEO, Animal Samaritans

#### Others in attendance:

Robert Miller, Director, County Animal Services  
Frank Corvino, Deputy Director, County Animal Services  
Dr. Allan Drusys, Chief Veterinarian, County Animal Services  
John Welsh, Public Information Officer, County Animal Services  
Deanna Burnett, Operations Chief, County Animal Services  
Carol-Ann Myers, Executive Assistant, County Animal Services  
Dr. Paula Terifaj, Desert Hot Springs activist

### 3. COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES (ROBERT MILLER, DIRECTOR):

The Budget Hearings will be taking place on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Robert Miller presented a Power Point presentation to the commission that included the historical background on the department, as well as the department's current state. Currently the department is facing a 4.1 million dollar budgetary shortfall that could result in the loss of city contracts as well as critical program and staff reductions. Rob also reviewed the issues and potential budget outcomes.

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## **COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES CONTINUED:**

Rob outlined potential options for commission action as the following:

1. Take no action
2. Take action to implore the County Board of Supervisors to not allow such reductions to occur:
  - A. Such as, motion to direct the Chair to write a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors to fund requested critical and/or other department requests.
  - B. Each city, willing to do so, can or additionally write/call the Board on behalf of the budget requests on their own Council direction.
  - C. Request the Chair to speak publically at budget hearings on June 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.
3. Create a separate action independent of the above

## **5. ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Ty Peabody recommended that the commission carry out all actions as outlined by Robert Miller, and that the list be prioritized. Chairman Dana Hobart asked Robert Miller to send an email to the commission with information to include in the support letter. Fred Saunders with Animal Samaritans will be attending the Budget Hearings in support of Riverside County Department of Animal Services.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2015 at 9:30AM at CVAG: 73-710 Fred Waring Drive Palm Desert, CA 92260

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dana Hobart, City of Rancho Mirage, adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.