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# SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

October 4, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Murrieta City Council  
Chambers 1 Town Square  
Murrieta, CA 92562

### Members Present:

Vicki Warren	Chairman, City of Canyon Lake
Maryann Edwards	Vice-Chairman, City of Temecula
Natasha Johnson	City of Lake Elsinore
Kevin Jeffries	County of Riverside, First Supervisorial District

### Members Absent:

Randon Lane	City of Murrieta
Bridgette Moore	City of Wildomar

### Staff and Guests were also present at the meeting

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Southwest Communities Financing Authority (SCFA) meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 a.m. The following board members were present: Chairman Vicki Warren, Member Maryann Edwards and Member Kevin Jeffries. The group led all in the flag salute Member Natasha Johnson arrived late at 11:30 am. Members Randon Lane and Bridgette Moore were absent.

#### 2. Animal Friends of the Valleys Recognition by Rob Miller, Director of Animal Services:

Rob Miller, Director of Animal Services for Riverside County, presented a recognition award to Animal Friends of the Valleys and thanked them for their valuable service, dedication, and partnership during the recent Holy Fire. The award recognized their efforts in improving the lives of people and animals, as well as their outstanding partnership during the Holy Fire.

Chief Mo Middleton accepted the award and shared that Riverside County's Animal Services and Animal Friends of the Valleys have a strong partnership. During the Holy Fire, staff assisted in animal transport, kept the shelter open, and built over 200 kennels in only an hour. Their efforts were amazing and helped to assure individuals that their animals would be safe during a terrible situation.

The shelter was kept open 3 days in a row for 24 hours. A total of 154 animals were received by the location during the Holy Fire. This was in addition to the 47-50 animals normally received. There was no charge to the community for any services during this time. There was a massive response from the public who volunteered their time to feed, clean, and assist in any means that they could. Some animals required special diets or medications. Due to the level of support, all animals did well despite a stressful, emergency situation. Chairman Warren commended the extra time and effort displayed by all.

#### 3. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Member Johnson shared that the City of Lake Elsinore will be discussing the topic of cat licensing in November.

**4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Member Edwards made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 2, 2018. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

An update was not provided at this time.

**6. PRESENTATIONS:**

**A) Ad Hoc Budget Committee Report**

Member Johnson informed that the Ad Hoc Budget Committee met, discussed how best to save funds, and reviewed options. It appears that the budget that was presented truly outlined what is needed by the organization. Although small savings can be outlined, the largest concern is the cost of wages. It is apparent that costs will need to be lowered through mandatory microchipping, spay and neutering. A new proposal for savings has not yet been established. Further discussions regarding this will be held.

**7. RECEIVE AND FILE: none.**

**8. AFV SHELTER UPDATES**

**A) Microchipping & Spay/Neuter Ordinance**

Neil Trent, Executive Director for Animal Friends of the Valleys, provided the shelter update and Holy Fire video presentation. The organization is eager to have the mandatory microchipping and spay/neutering adopted by the cities that it serves. Riverside County has been a leading agency in this mission, as it passed its own ordinance some years ago.

A presentation on mandatory microchipping and spay/neutering was provided at the last Canyon Lake City Council meeting and the data provided to Canyon Lake seemed to be eye-opening. It was emphasized that a microchip is a pet's passport home, as collars and tags fall off. Microchipping greatly helps in locating a pet's owner and returning the animal. Spay and neutering animals is just as important. There was a time in this country when shelters were euthanizing over 25 million shelter animals per year. It was only until the veterinary profession embraced spay and neutering that this number greatly decreased.

The challenge is that high volume spay/neutering veterinarians are difficult to locate and retain. Many have large student loans and it is known that more can be earned in a private practice than with a non-profit.

Chairman Warren shared that initial feelings in Canyon Lake about microchipping and spay/neutering were negative. However, she could see that feelings became more positive following the presentation by Mr. Trent.

The City of Menifee is moving forward with a formal adaptation of the existing Riverside County ordinance. Mr. Trent has also been invited to provide a presentation to the City of Wildomar. Member Edwards invited Mr. Trent to provide a presentation to the City of Temecula.

A video, about the Holy Fire and the efforts made by Animal Friends of the Valleys and others to save

the lives of pets during this crisis situation, was shared.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:** none.

10. **ACTION ITEMS:**

**A) Resolution No. 2018-01, Adopting the Amended and Restated SCFA Conflict of Interest Code**

Mr. Nestande informed that County Council has advised that the SCFA Conflict of Interest Code be revised to list the Assistant Program Administrator, certain categories of disclosure, and also other categories of disclosure for all members of the Executive Management Committee.

Member Edwards made a motion to approve. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

11. **Public Comments** No comments.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. to its regular meeting scheduled for February 7, 2018, at 2:00 P.M., at the Murrieta City Council Chambers, 1 Town Square, Murrieta, CA 92562