



Agenda

INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

RECORD OF ACTION FOR
March 28, 2016

Supervisor John Gioia, Chair
Supervisor Candace Andersen, Vice Chair

Present: John Gioia, Chair; Candace Andersen, Vice Chair

Staff Julie DiMaggio Enea, Staff

Present:

Attendees: Theresa Speiker, Chief Asst. CAO; Alan Smith; Chad Godoy, Contra Costa Agricultural Commissioner; Katherine Braden; Linda Rodgers; Betsy Burkhart, Media & Communications Director; Jessica Hudson, County Librarian; Greg Enholm; Diana Oyler, Public Works Fiscal; Joe Yee, Deputy PW Director; Carlos Velasquez, Fleet Svcs Manager; Mary Ann Huisington; Jami Napier, Senior Deputy CAO - CoB; Gail McPartland, County Library; Brooke Converse, County Library; Mackenzie Chaveler; Peter Wilson; Barbara Riveira, CAO; Julie Linford; Lisa Kirk; Camilla Rand, EHSD; Christine Reick, EHSD; Kathleen Gilcrest; Beth Ward, Animal Services Director; Arturo Castillo, Animal Services Dept; Ajit Kaushal; Arnold Fitzpatrick, Jr.; Lindy Lavendar, District IV Supervisor's Office; Renee Zeimer; Mary Ann Smith

1. Introductions

Chair Gioia convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and self-introductions were made by attendees.

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

No members of the public requested to speak during the general public comment period.

3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the February 29, 2016 IOC meeting.

The Committee approved the Record of Action for the February 29, 2016 IOC meeting as presented.

AYE: Chair John Gioia, Vice Chair Candace Andersen

Passed

4. ACCEPT 2014/15 annual report from the Public Works Director on the Internal Services Fund for the County's Vehicle Fleet and identify low-mileage vehicles.

Deputy Public Works Director Joe Yee presented the report highlights:

- *Only two low-mileage vehicles were identified, as compared to nine last year. Public Works will reassign or make the vehicles available through their department vehicle pool to increase utilization.*
- *44 hybrid vehicles were purchased.*
- *Fleet Services added a mobile repair van to its array of services. The mobile repair van saves customer time in ferrying vehicles, keeps the vehicles in service longer.*
- *Continues to install GPS telematic devices in the vehicles to track engine performance, location, vehicle speed, and idling time. The devices also qualify the vehicles for the for State's continuous smog testing pilot program, making those vehicles exempt from the biennial smog testing requirement, which saves the County time and money. For those vehicles not equipped with telematic devices, Public Works is now certified to perform its own smog testing.*

Fleet Services Manager Carlos Velasquez reported that 75% of the fleet staff are now ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) Blue Seal-certified, which has increased technical competency and employee morale. He also commented that the County leverages purchasing incentives to lower the County cost for purchasing hybrid vehicles.

Supervisor Gioia asked about the apparent spike in new vehicle purchases. Mr. Velasquez confirmed that new purchases would continue to be high this year and begin to drop next year, due to the purchasing cycle. He clarified that the average life span for sedans is 100,000 miles; however, patrol vehicles are depreciated over three years vs. a non-patrol sedan, which is depreciated over seven years.

The Committee accepted the report as presented and directed IOC staff to forward the report to the Board of Supervisors on Consent.

AYE: Chair John Gioia, Vice Chair Candace Andersen
Passed

5. The policy is going to be put into an Administrative Bulletin format, and made available to all employees. The Target Solutions training modules and intranet site with guidelines for use and other resources is expected to be ready for use by September 1, 2016, allowing the policy to go into full effect before the end of the year.

OCM Director Betsy Burkhart presented the status report. She indicated that she expects that the social media policy approved by the Board in 2014 will be fully implemented by September 1, upon completion of staff training. She commented that the social media landscape continues to change rapidly and new issues continue to emerge, such as policies on social media records, and the existence of multiple department accounts, and unverified accounts.

Supervisor Andersen Ms. Burkhart to investigate if the County could obtain full access/privileges to NextDoor, which usually is limited only to residents.

Ms. Burkhart commented that departments are adept at publishing their own information but not as adept at monitoring and handling what is said about them on social media sites. She is going to demo products that might be implemented countywide. She also observed that the old news cycles no longer exist; in an emergency, the expectation is that information will be immediately available via social media, not just available during the next news cycle, e.g. the 5 o'clock news.

She reported that the County has developed a new intranet site on the same system as the internet site, Civics Plus.

The Committee accepted the report.

6.
 1. ACCEPT report from the Animal Services Director on the Animal Benefit Fund;
 2. CONSIDER recommendations of the Animal Services Director and PROVIDE direction to staff regarding next steps:
 - authorize the CCCAS Director to accept any monetary donation, gift, bequest, or devise made to or in favor of the Contra Costa County Animal Services Department as allowed under Government Code section 25355 (**NOTE:** County policy requires Department Heads to notify the CAO regarding donations exceeding \$1,000 and obtain Board of Supervisors approval for donations exceeding \$10,000),
 - approve the continued use of the Animal Benefit Fund,
 - establish new programs that receive assistance under that Fund,
 - authorize the CCCASD Director to solicit donations for the benefit of shelter animals, and
 - require the CCCAS Director to provide an annual report to the I/O Committee.

Animal Services Director Beth Ward presented the staff report.

Supervisor Gioia cautioned Ms. Ward about expanding the donation program in a way that does not increase demands on the department that cannot be met. Ms. Ward said she was hopeful that expanding the donation program would also lead to new grant opportunities and increased revenues.

The following individuals commented in support of the recommendations: Peter Wilson (statement attached), Linda Rodgers (statement attached), Lisa Kirk, and Julie Linford.

Supervisor Gioia commented that the County's resources are limited and that we do not fully recover our costs to provide contract city services.

The Committee accepted the report, approved the recommendations, and directed staff to schedule the matter for discussion at a future Board of Supervisors meeting. The Committee will recommend that authority be delegated to the Animal Services Director to accept any monetary donations and that she be required to report annually to the Board identifying the donations that were accepted. The Committee will not recommend any changes to purchasing or contracting authority, but will rely on the County's existing policies and procedures for purchasing and contracting.

AYE: Chair John Gioia, Vice Chair Candace Andersen

Passed

7.
 1. Accept follow-up report on questions and information previously requested by the IOC.
 2. Maintain the Airport Land Use Commission and Aviation Advisory Committee as separate bodies.
 3. Approve for Board of Supervisors consideration the revised mission statement and work program, delineation of powers, duties, membership, meeting plan and staffing for the Agricultural Task Force.
 4. Maintain the Hazardous Materials Commission and the Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board (PEHAB) as separate bodies and direct the Health Services Department to report back to the IOC in 60 days with recommendations for revitalizing the PEHAB.
 5. Allow the Library Commission to sunset, as scheduled, on June 30, 2016, or rewrite the Commission bylaws to reduce the size of the membership and/or the frequency of the meetings and restructure their charge/duties.

Terry Speiker presented the report and recommendations on the Aviation Advisory Commission (AAC), the Advisory Council on Aging, the Commission for Women, and the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

Camilla Rand presented the report and recommendations on the Economic Opportunity Council. EOC members Ajit Kaushal and Renee Zeimer commented that the EOC was not aware that it was being reviewed, and is being characterized as problematic instead of progressive and hardworking. Mr. Kaushal asked to make a presentation to the IOC regarding the EOC's activities. Supervisor Gioia responded that he didn't see a need for a separate EOC presentation, and that this information will be shared with the EOC and the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Rand commented that she referenced the triennial review process in a prior director's report to the EOC.

Agricultural Commissioner Chad Godoy presented the report and recommendations on the Agricultural Task Force.

Supervisor Gioia proposed that the PEHAB should transition to an environmental sustainability committee staffed by the County's Sustainability Coordinator (Department of Conservation and Development).

County Librarian Jessica Hudson presented the report and recommendations on the County Library Commission. The following individuals commented on this issue: Alan Smith (statement attached), Greg Enholm (statement attached), Peter Wilson (statement attached), Judy Waterson, and Katherine Braden.

Following is a summary of the Committee's actions:

- *The Committee concurred that the ALUC and the AAC should be maintained as separate advisory bodies.*
- *The Committee accepted the report and directed staff to return with final recommendations for reconfiguring the Advisory Council on Aging and revising the bylaws, if necessary.*
- *The Committee approved the revised mission statement, work program,*

delineation of powers, duties membership, meeting plan and staffing for the Agricultural Task Force and directed staff to forward those recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

- *The Committee accepted the report on the EOC. No further action is necessary.*
- *The Committee accepted the report on the Commission for Women and proposed that the Commission be reconfigured, via attrition from "5 District seats, 15 At Large seats, and 1 Alternate" to 10 District seats, 10 At Large seats, and 1 Alternate". The Committee directed staff to propose this change to the Commission for Women, receive comments, and present the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.*
- *The Committee accepted the report on the Emergency Medical Care Committee. No further action is necessary.*
- *The Committee decided that the Hazardous Materials Commission should be maintained in its current form, and the PEHAB should be transitioned to an environmental sustainability committee staffed by the County's Sustainability Coordinator (Department of Conservation and Development).*
- *The Committee directed staff to request of the Board of Supervisors a six-month postponement, through December 31, 2016, of the expiration of the County Library Commission, and directed the County Librarian to consult with the city managers and the Commission regarding how the Commission size can be reduced and reconfigured to be more efficient, and report back to the IOC.*

Supervisor Gioia left the meeting at this point.

Terry Speiker advised that Phase 2 of the Triennial Review would be presented to the IOC in the fall, and that the Advisory Body training and updated handbook for appointees will be put on line beginning in May 2016..

AYE: Chair John Gioia, Vice Chair Candace Andersen
Passed

8. The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 25, 2016.
9. Adjourn

Vice Chair Andersen adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

3.

Meeting Date: 03/28/2016

Subject: RECORD OF ACTION FOR THE FEBRUARY 29, 2016 IOC MEETING

Submitted For: David Twa, County Administrator

Department: County Administrator

Referral No.: N/A

Referral Name: RECORD OF ACTION

Presenter: Julie DiMaggio Enea, IOC
Staff

Contact: Julie DiMaggio Enea (925)
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Referral History:

County Ordinance requires that each County body keep a record of its meetings. Though the record need not be verbatim, it must accurately reflect the agenda and the decisions made in the meeting.

Referral Update:

Attached is the Record of Action for the February 29, 2016 IOC meeting.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the February 29, 2016 IOC meeting.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

None.

Attachments

DRAFT Record of Action for 2-29-16 IOC Meeting

Minutes Attachments

No file(s) attached.



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Staff Present: Julie DiMaggio Enea, Staff

Attendees: Ralph Hoffman; Joanne Bohren, Chief Auditor; Sandra Bewley; Agnes Vinluan, Environmental Health; Lynn Mac Michael; Jason Crapo, Deputy DCD Director; Tanya Drlik, Health Services Department; Joe Doser, Environmental Health; Dawn Weisz, MCE; Iris Obregon; John Kopchik, DCD Director; Alexandra Mc Gee; Alexander DeGiorgio; Cara Bautista-Rao; Nati Flores; Larry Brunink; Kelly Davidson; Tom Kelly; Casya del Veergaard; Carol Weed; Kook Huber; Peter Ericson; Brodie Hilp; Helen Sokol; Tom Guarino; Jan Warren; Audrrey Albrecht; Pello Walker; Arvind Goel; Marilyn Underwood, Environmental Health; Linda Wilcox, Deputy County Counsel; Mike Casten, Undersheriff; David Brockbank, DCD; Deidra Dingman, Solid Waste Manager; Cliff Glickman; Gayle Israel, District II Supervisor's Office; Jill Ray, District II Supervisor's Office; Michael Kent, Health Services Department; Elizabeth Verigin, Asst. Auditor-Controller; Bob Campbell, Auditor-Controller; Richard Freeman; Ann Punch; Charley Davidson; Bill Pinkham; David McCord

1. Introductions

Chair Gioia called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and County staff introduced themselves at the request of Chair Gioia.

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

Ralph Hoffman asked the Committee to do everything possible to reverse the human causes of global warming.

3. INTERVIEW the following candidates for At Large #1, At Large #2 and Public Member Alternate seats on the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee and DETERMINE recommended appointments for Board of Supervisors consideration:

Larry Brunink, Concord
Susan Captain, Moraga
Kelly Davidson, Clayton
James Donnelly, Danville
Nati Flores*, Antioch

Wayne Lanier, PhD, Walnut Creek
Justin B. Sinclair, Clayton

The Committee interviewed all seven candidates in a group setting and decided to recommend the appointment to the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee of Susan Captain to the At Large #1 to a term ending on 12/31/19; and James Donnelly to the At Large #3, and Wayne Lanier, PhD, to the Public Member Alternate seats to terms ending on 12/31/18.

The Committee also directed staff to provide a current roster showing city of residence and background/affiliation for all future advisory body nominations.

AYE: Chair John Gioia, Vice Chair Candace Andersen
Passed

4. APPROVE Hazardous Materials Commission nominations to appoint the following individuals to the Commission to terms ending on December 31, 2019:

Action	Nominee	Seat	Nominated By
Reappoint	Frank Gordon	General Public	Commission
Reappoint	Tim Bancroft	General Public Alternate	Commission
Reassign	Usha Vedagiri	Environmental Organizations #2	Commission
Reappoint	Jim Payne	Labor #2	Central Labor Council
Reappoint	Tracy Scott	Labor #2 Alternate	Central Labor Council

The Committee approved the staff recommendation to REAPPOINT to the Hazardous Materials Commission Frank Gordon to the General Public seat, Tim Bancroft to the General Public Alternate seat, Jim Payne to the Labor #2 seat, and Tracy Scott to the Labor #2 Alternate seat to terms ending December 31, 2019; REASSIGN Usha Vedagiri to the Environmental Organization #2 seat; and DECLARE vacant the Environmental Organizations #3 Alternate seat held by Usha Vedagiri due to her reassignment to a regular seat and DIRECT the Clerk of the Board to post the vacancy.

AYE: Chair John Gioia, Vice Chair Candace Andersen
Passed

5. APPROVE the proposed plan and schedules for the recruitment to fill one Board of Supervisors seat on each the Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association Board of Trustees, the County Planning Commission and Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Fire Advisory Commissions that will become vacant on June 30, 2016, and three seats on the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District Board of Directors that will become vacant on November 30, 2016.

The Committee approved the recommended recruitment plan and schedule and directed staff to send copies of the recruitment materials to the five District Supervisors' offices.

AYE: Chair John Gioia, Vice Chair Candace Andersen

Passed

6. ACCEPT report on the status of the development of a waste hauler ordinance and provide policy direction to staff.

Chair Gioia thanked staff for the depth and organization of the report. Marilyn Underwood summarized the history of the referral and her objectives for the new ordinance. She explained how prior Committee discussions extended to issues beyond her original proposal for a waste hauler ordinance. She explained that Environmental Health and Conservation and Development staff, working closely with County Counsel, collaborated to develop an ordinance that is legal, workable, and enforceable. She explained that the staff report identifies some of the additional and related issues that surfaced during the development of the ordinance, and includes recommendations about how to address those related issues. She also clarified that the proposed ordinance will regulate waste generated in the county unincorporated (UI) area, and that the way to address waste generated within cities would be to request cities and/or solid waste authorities to adopt ordinances that mirror this ordinance.

Joe Doser outlined the key elements of the ordinance and explained some of the steps staff would take to implement the ordinance.

Supervisor Gioia agreed with the proposed exemptions to the ordinance, and asked staff to identify those areas where policy direction is needed. Supervisor Andersen wanted some assurance that the ordinance would not impact any similar ordinances adopted by other local agencies, and also noted her preference that the performance bond requirement not be so onerous as to exclude businesses who wish to conduct legitimate hauling activities.

Deidra Dingman explained that the County does not have control over all of the UI areas; some of the UI areas are regulated by solid waste authorities. She identified that 47% of the UI population is not regulated by the County. She explained that, under the proposed ordinance, the County would issue permits in areas that the County doesn't directly franchise, but only after an outreach and referral process, giving those franchising agencies a 30-day period within which to alert the County that issuance of a permit would violate their franchise agreements. She presented a graphic of the process to be used by DCD staff to determine if there are County franchise exclusivity rights for hauling activities proposed in a permit application. She explained that the criteria to be reviewed will include the service area and if it involves more than one franchise, the type of waste proposed to be hauled, if the waste is routinely generated, the type of customer that generated the waste, and whether or not the hauling is tied directly to another on-property service that generates the waste to be hauled.

Cliff Glickman, representing Garaventa Enterprises, expressed appreciation to County staff for the report/recommendations and commented that while he still has some disagreements with staff related to expanding franchise exclusivity, he is in favor of seeing the proposed ordinance advance to the Board of Supervisors along with commencement of the 5-year noticing required for the County to allow expanded franchise exclusivity.

Ms. Dingman presented the staff recommendations and sought direction from the Committee. The Committee made the following decisions:

- Directed staff to schedule the 5-Year Rule noticing for Board of Supervisors' consideration, to maximize County's future decision-making flexibility.*
- Directed staff to provide haulers with proposed model amendments to the County's four franchise agreements to facilitate consistent permitting under the proposed ordinance (clarification for Industrial Waste and Exceptions section).*
- To introduce the proposed ordinance to the Board of Supervisors and have it take effect upon approval of a \$20,000 performance bond requirement (to be set by resolution) and minor County Franchise amendments that are needed to clarify the Industrial Waste and Exceptions sections.*
- To ask the Franchise haulers to seek franchise cities' police departments' willingness to enforce PRC sections 41950, 41951 & 41955 pertaining to the theft of recyclables.*

7. Given the interest of Contra Costa cities in participating with the County to further investigate potential implementation of Community Choice Energy, staff recommends the Board direct DCD to continue with the steps required to undertake a technical study of CCE in Contra Costa County.

The immediate next step in this process would be for the County to obtain electrical load data from PG&E on behalf of the County and the 16 cities that have authorized the County to do so. This will provide the County with detailed information regarding electrical usage within the covered jurisdictions, and will constitute the raw data necessary to conduct a technical study of potential CCE implementation within the County.

Staff recommends that the Board direct DCD to work in partnership with interested cities to jointly fund a technical study of CCE in Contra Costa County that would evaluate three options: a program including only interested jurisdictions within Contra Costa County; a program that is a partnership with Alameda County and interested jurisdictions in the two-county region; and joining the existing CCE program originated in Marin County known as Marin Clean Energy.

Such a technical study would be conducted by a qualified consultant selected through a competitive process. The technical study would evaluate electrical load data to determine the amount of electricity a CCE program would need to procure in order to serve electricity consumers in the participating communities, and would estimate the billing rates that a CCE program would need to charge electricity customers in order to pay for program operations.

The study would analyze how rates might vary under scenarios in which the CCE

program offered customers different levels of electricity originating from renewable sources (for example, rates associate with 50% renewable or 100% renewable options). Electricity rates for these scenarios would be compared to products offered by the incumbent utility, PG&E (Attachment C). The technical study would also include a risk analysis of factors that could potentially interfere with successful operation of a CCE program within the County, such as risks associated with price volatility in energy markets and risks stemming from legal or regulatory changes. CCE technical studies performed in other Bay Area counties have included additional components, including analysis of the impact a CCE program might have on local renewable power generation and local job creation.

As stated in Table 1 above, roughly half of the cities in Contra Costa County have indicated some degree of willingness to contribute financially towards the cost of a technical study. Staff recommends that the Board direct DCD to work with cities to finalize payment arrangement and initiate the technical study. Staff recommends that the County and each participating city pay for a portion of the cost of the technical study similar to its proportion of the total population covered under the study.

Staff proposes that DCD work with the cities to finalize the scope of the technical study, develop and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), and select a consultant to perform the technical study. The County would then enter into a contract with the selected consultant. The results of the technical study would be reported to the cities and the Board of Supervisors, and staff would seek further direction.

Project Schedule and Budget

Completing a technical study of Community Choice Energy would represent the first major phase of activity related to potential implementation of CCE within Contra Costa County. Following a technical study, additional steps would be required to launch a CCE program, should the Board decide to proceed with implementation.

An estimated schedule and budget for fully implementing CCE within the County is attached to this report (Attachment D). The time and expense associated with implementing CCE within the County depends heavily on the outcome of the technical study and the resulting direction selected by the Board and participating cities.

The CCE option likely to require the greatest commitment of time and resources would be the option to form a new JPA comprised of the County and cities within Contra Costa County. Following the technical study, such an option would involve two additional phases of activity: JPA Formation and Program Launch. The activities associated with these additional project phases and the estimated time and expense to complete these activities are described in greater detail in Attachment D. Staff estimates the total time needed to implement the Contra Costa JPA option and begin providing electricity to customers would be in the range of two to three years and would cost approximately \$2 million.

Recommendation(s)

Staff recommends the IOC and Board of Supervisors direct DCD and other County staff to take the following actions:

1. Take all actions necessary to obtain electrical load data from PG&E on behalf of the County and all cities in Contra Costa County that have authorized the County to do so.
2. Work with interested cities in Contra Costa County to conduct a technical study of options for potentially implementing CCE within Contra Costa County, anticipating the County's share of cost is estimated to be in the range of \$25,000 to \$50,000.
3. Authorize DCD to amend the consulting services contract with LEAN Energy to increase the payment by \$75,000 to a new payment limit of \$100,000 for consulting services through completion of the technical study.

Jason Crapo introduced consultant Shawn Marshall. Ms. Marshall provided an overview of CCE and explained that the interface is virtually transparent to the energy consumer but the consumer benefits from lower GGE and usually lower costs. Most programs are administered by a JPA and are authorized by a local government ordinance. The local utility would provide the infrastructure and consolidated billing. Special consumer programs such as low-income or senior advantage programs would remain uninterrupted under CCE. CCE and the local utility exit fee would appear as a new line on the consumer's utility bill. The CPUC certifies the CCE plan and oversees the relationship between the CCEs and local utilities.

Ms. Marshall presented the remaining slides in the attached Powerpoint presentation. Supervisor Gioia noted that Richmond, San Pablo and El Cerrito are members of MCE. Dawn Weisz added that Pinole, Oakley, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, and Moraga have signed letters of interest in joining MCE. Ms. Marshall emphasized that the three operating CCE programs in California are successful and completely rate payer supported with no taxpayer subsidy. She noted that CCEs are responsive to local Climate Action Plans.

Ms. Marshall noted that as CCE becomes more prevalent, local utility exit fees will tend to increase but that over time, is not anticipated to have a significant impact.

Supervisor Andersen asked about the long-term clean energy market, as an increasing number of jurisdictions are implementing CCE and rapidly increasing demand for clean energy. She asked if the price for clean energy is expected to remain stable or increase as consumer demand increases. Jason Crapo indicated that a technical study would include market projections, and asked Dawn Weisz to comment on MCE's experience. Ms. Weisz explained that when MCE has shopped for energy, it has typically received proposals for more than ten times the amount needed, indicating the supply of clean energy is currently high and continues to increase as new sources become available. But she cautioned that can change in the future. She, therefore, recommended diversity in the energy supplier portfolio and also among the contract periods for which energy is purchased (a mix of short, medium, and long-term supplier contracts).

Supervisor Gioia asked Ms. Weisz to explain how the need to comply with the State's policy of 50% renewable energy by 2030 will play out in CCE market. Ms. Weisz said that the impact of the State's policy is unknown but that the market is currently unconstrained, with new energy developers looking for buyers. She speculated that in 10 years, perhaps, we may begin to see some market saturation in terms of locations for new power generation. She added that we might see pricing changes or shifts; for example, solar is currently low cost but if the solar market becomes constrained, consumers may turn to other renewable sources such as biomass, hydroelectric, wind, etc. Supervisor Andersen pointed out that many of the solar incentive programs are expiring, which will likely place upward pressure on the solar option. Alex DiGiorgio commented that the expiration of solar tax credits would likely not affect large solar energy suppliers but may price smaller providers out of the market.

Supervisor Gioia commented that home battery storage technology is improving and will likely be another option available to consumers, allowing them to store the excess solar energy they capture rather than return it to the grid.

Ms. Marshall concluded her presentation and Jason Crapo presented the remainder of the staff report, describing the Board of Supervisors prior direction to staff, and staff's outreach to Contra Costa cities. He reported that all 16 Contra Costa cities that are not members of MCE have authorized the County to obtain their electrical load data from PG&E, but that the cities varied in their willingness to share in the cost of a technical study. Mr. Crapo said that if the Board decided to proceed with a technical study, he would likely recommend that the cost be allocated to cities based on their proportionate share of total population, and that cities that contributed funding would be given a role in defining the technical study.

Mr. Crapo proceeded to review the staff recommendations including the next steps involved with each recommendation and estimated costs. He clarified that the County's consultant Lean Energy would not be conducting the technical study.

Supervisor Gioia asked about the timing for a technical study and how it relates to MCE's current inclusion period. Ms. Weisz explained MCE's inclusion period policies and stated that MCE was currently only entertaining membership of agencies within the four counties currently served (Marin, Napa, Solano and Contra Costa). The purpose of the inclusion periods is to batch new members together for savings on technical studies and new energy procurement. To be included during the current inclusion period, the County would need to adopt an ordinance by March 31, 2016. Ms. Weisz clarified that MCE has a policy to not enroll new consumers until such time that the MCE rates are either equal to or less than the local utility company rates. She said that the analysis following each inclusion period typically takes 4-6 weeks, after which time MCE would begin conducting outreach in those communities for at least 3 months.

Supervisor Andersen asked what the added value would be to forming a Contra Costa CCE Program over joining MCE, and would MCE have the capacity to absorb the County UI and remaining Contra Costa cities. Mr. Crapo described the advantages of either joining MCE or forming a Contra Costa CCE, i.e., joining MCE would be faster, less expensive, and less work; forming our own CCE would provide more

control over energy policies and power generation projects.

The Committee asked about the MCE governance structure and the role of elected officials on the governing board. More specifically, Supervisor Andersen asked if the board makes decisions about investments and procurement in addition to the budget, or are investment and procurement decisions delegated to staff? Ms. Weisz explained that the board makes decisions on procurement/power supply, power generation projects (she mentioned the Chevron solar project in Richmond), rate-setting, and branding. MCE is currently considering changing its name to "My Clean Energy-Bay Area". She said that the board meetings can be hosted in different places.

Ms. Weisz explained the board configuration: one seat per city and one seat per county. The voting rights are partially weighted based on an agency's proportionate share of electrical load. Supervisor Gioia observed that if Contra Costa UI and the remaining Contra Costa cities joined MCE, they would likely have the highest load. Ms. Weisz said that this would not deter MCE because MCE is mission driven. Supervisor Andersen expressed concern over forming a Contra Costa JPA when it could be more efficient to join MCE. Mr. Crapo said it comes down to how much control the Board of Supervisors wishes to exercise over the various CCE policy decisions. Supervisor Gioia was of the opinion that the County could develop local energy projects under either scenario.

Supervisor Andersen said she wasn't convinced that we could do CCE better than MCE or that it would be worth spending so much money to form a Contra Costa CCE as long as we had an equal seat at the MCE table. Supervisor Gioia preferred the fast implementation offered by the MCE option and also thought that the County could achieve local project siting as a member of MCE. He also preferred to have all of the county in one program rather than split between two programs, especially if we are doing common community programs.

Staff asked Ms. Weisz to clarify whether or not cities or the County could join MCE after March 31 but at their own cost. Ms. Weisz said that it would be reasonable for the County to expect that MCE would open another inclusion period to accommodate Contra Costa County because the County's large load size would make it economical to do so.

Ms. Marshall observed that the various CCE options are a good dilemma to have. She thought it was worth studying further based on feedback offered by the cities. Mr. Crapo stressed that this is a big decision that would determine the default energy provider for hundreds of thousands of consumers and that, once that decision is made, it would be very costly and difficult to unwind the County's choice. Mr. Crapo emphasized the value of a technical study to determine the technical data (e.g., economic value, energy sources) needed to inform the Board's decision and also to increase community outreach on CCE. Ms. Marshall clarified that a technical study will not project rates or provide a rate comparison between MCE and a County CCE, but it will predict the economic value of the program.

Public Comment was offered by the following individuals:

Iris Obregon, Oakley; Peter Ericson, Orinda; Richard Freeman, Kensington; Ann Punch, Rodeo; Charley Davidson, Hercules; Helen Sokol, Walnut Creek; Jan Warren, Walnut Creek; Carol Weed, Walnut Creek; Bill Pinkham, Richmond; Pello Walker; Casya de Neergaard, Kensington; Brodie Hilp, Danville; David McCord; and Arvind Goel, San Ramon/Danville.

AYE: Chair John Gioia, Vice Chair Candace Andersen
Passed

8. ACCEPT report on the Auditor-Controller's audit activities for 2015 and APPROVE the proposed schedule of financial audits for 2016.

Supervisor Gioia accepted the Auditor-Controller's report of audit activities for 2015 and approved the audit plan for 2016. He also asked for copies or links to the County's Procurement Card Policies and Manual and to MAC training materials.

AYE: Chair John Gioia
Other: Vice Chair Candace Andersen (ABSENT)
Passed

9. APPROVE the proposed 2016 Committee meeting schedule and work plan, or provide direction to staff regarding any changes thereto.

Supervisor Gioia approved the recruitment plan and schedule as recommended by staff and requested that the press releases be shared with the Supervisors' offices.

AYE: Chair John Gioia
Other: Vice Chair Candace Andersen (ABSENT)
Passed

10. The next meeting is currently scheduled for March 28, 2016.
11. Adjourn

Chair Gioia adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

4.

Meeting Date: 03/28/2016

Subject: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF LOW MILEAGE FLEET VEHICLES

Submitted For: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer

Department: Public Works

Referral No.: IOC 16/3

Referral Name: Review of Annual Master Vehicle Replacement List and Disposition of Low-Use Vehicles

Presenter: Joe Yee, Deputy Public Works Director **Contact:** Carlos Velasquez 925....

Referral History:

Each year, the Public Works Department Fleet Services Manager analyzes the fleet and annual vehicle usage and makes recommendations to the IOC on the budget year vehicle replacements and on the intra-County reassignment of underutilized vehicles, in accordance with County policy. In FY 2008/09, the Board approved the establishment of an Internal Services Fund (ISF) for the County Fleet, to be administered by Public Works (formerly by the General Services Department). The Board requested the IOC to review annually the Public Works department report on the fleet and on low-mileage vehicles.

Last year, the IOC requested the Auditor's Office to test the Fleet Program's compliance with County clean air policies. The Chief Auditor, in July 2015, reported that as of February 28, 2015, 18% of the fleet were clean air vehicles, 36.2% were not clean air vehicles but were exempted by the policy or by the Fleet Manager, and 45.8% were not exempt and not in compliance with the clean air vehicle policy. The Fleet Manager emphasized his commitment to downsizing the fleet and right-sizing County vehicles. The Committee asked the Fleet Manager to update the 2008 County Clean Air Vehicle Policy to also to reflect current technology such as electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, and current funding incentives, and to segregate large construction vehicles from regular trucks and sedans in future reports to make the statistical reporting more meaningful. That policy was updated, approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 17, 2015, and disseminated to County departments as County Administrative Bulletin 508.5 (attached hereto).

Referral Update:

Attached for the Committee's review is the 2014/15 annual report on the ISF and low-mileage vehicles, as prepared by the Public Works Department.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

ACCEPT 2014/15 annual report from the Public Works Director on the Internal Services Fund for the County's Vehicle Fleet and identify low-mileage vehicles.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

Reassigning underutilized vehicles would increase cost efficiency but the fiscal impact was not estimated.

Attachments

Public Works 2014/15 Fleet Report

County Policy on Vehicle Acquisition and Replacement/Clean Air

New Vehicle Request Form

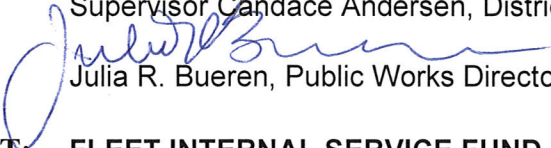
Minutes Attachments

No file(s) attached.



March 21, 2016

TO: Internal Operations Committee
Supervisor John Gioia, District I, Chair
Supervisor Candace Andersen, District II, Vice-Chair

FROM:  Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: FLEET INTERNAL SERVICE FUND FY 2014-15 REPORT

Recommendation

Accept the Internal Service Fund (ISF) Fleet Services report for FY 2014-15.

Background

The Fleet Services Division has operated as an Internal Service Fund since 2008 to ensure stable and long-term vehicle replacement funding.

Fleet Services provides various services to County departments including the acquisition, preventative maintenance, repair, and disposal of fleet vehicles and equipment. The division services the County's fleet of nearly 1600 vehicles/equipment/trailers, of which, 789 vehicles are included in the ISF program.

ISF Rate Structure

There are three components to recover operational costs for vehicles in the ISF Fleet Services program which are charged to the departments. They are:

1. A fixed monthly cost to cover insurance, Fleet Services overhead, and vehicle depreciation / replacement
2. A variable cost based on miles driven to cover maintenance and repair costs
3. Direct costs for fuel

This rate structure enables the ISF to collect monthly payments from customer departments over the life-cycle of the units to fund operations and enable the systematic replacement of units at the end of a vehicle's useful life or when it becomes a cost-effective decision to do so.

The estimated fixed and variable rates are adjusted each year to develop ISF rates as close to actual costs as possible for each class of vehicle. Accordingly, the FY 2014-15 expenses were reviewed to develop new rates for FY 2015-16, which went into effect September 1, 2015. Please refer to Attachment A accompanying this report for the ISF Fleet Rates Schedule.

Fleet Services Goals and Objectives

- Continue to provide cost-effective services that meet or exceed our customers' needs and expectations by evaluating additional services and new technologies to increase efficiencies.
- Continue to evaluate and recommend for replacement all vehicles and fleet equipment that are due for replacement based on a predetermined schedule and/or a time when it is most cost-effective to do so and in accordance with Administrative Bulletin 508.5. This increases vehicle availability through reduced down time associated with an older fleet.
- Continue to maintain a newer fleet focusing on preventative maintenance thus reducing repair costs typically associated with an older fleet.
- Continue to purchase clean air vehicles whenever feasible and to grow the number of electric vehicles in the fleet as existing equipment requires replacement. Fleet Services continues to seek grant funding opportunities to expand the electric vehicle charging station infrastructure to support County and personal vehicles.
- Continue to ensure that all County vehicles are maintained and repaired in a timely, safe, and cost effective manner in order to provide departments with safe, reliable vehicles and equipment.
- Continue to work with departments to identify vehicles and equipment that are underutilized in an effort to maximize fleet utilization, identify departmental actual needs, and reduce fleet costs.

Highlights

- In FY 2014-15, 115 new vehicles were purchased, 29% more than FY 2013-2014, and 35% more than were purchased in FY 2013-14.
- Fleet continually reviews vehicle usage in an effort to reduce underutilized vehicles according to Administrative Bulletin 508.5. During the most recent review in March 2015, two units were identified that required further analysis for possible reclassification or reassignment which is down from nine in the previous year.
- Fleet Services continues to promote building a "Green Fleet" by purchasing 44 hybrid vehicles as replacement vehicles.
- Placed into operation a mobile service truck to provide cost effective servicing of vehicles and equipment at remote locations away from the Waterbird Fleet Service Center in Martinez such as Sheriff Office substations, Byron Airport, Brentwood Corporation Yard, etc.
- Fleet Services continues to install telematics GPS devices, where appropriate, to help improve fleet utilization, identify vehicle locations in the event of an emergency, reduce costs by identifying and immediately reporting operational issues with the vehicle, and improve accuracy of mileage meter readings. Department users of vehicles equipped with the telematics GPS devices also have access to standard reports which they can

use to review incidences of speeding, excessive idling, vehicle utilization, etc. to help reduce departmental fleet cost.

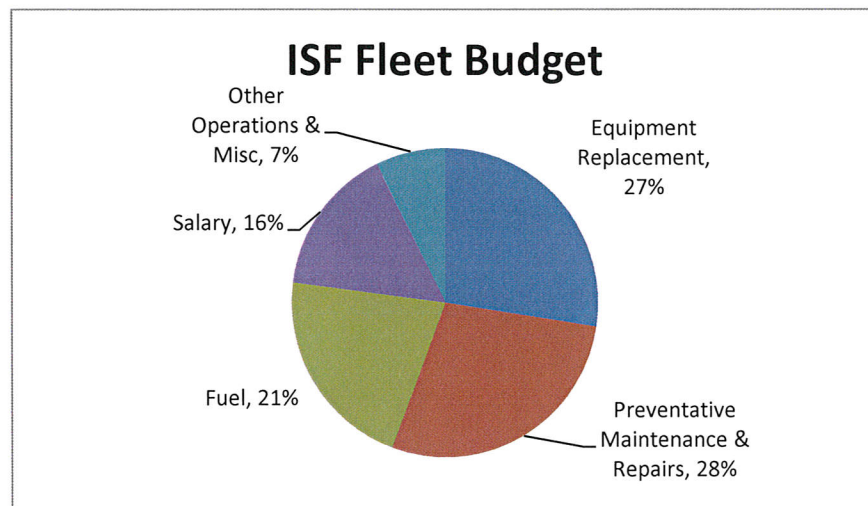
- Light vehicles equipped with the telematics GPS device are enrolled in the State Continuous Smog Testing Pilot Program excluding them from the mandatory biennial physical smog test which reduces cost and vehicle downtime. Over 450 units in the County fleet are enrolled in the program which uses the telematics device to continuously monitor emissions performance and will send a notification immediately when a fault is detected so repairs can be made.

Summary

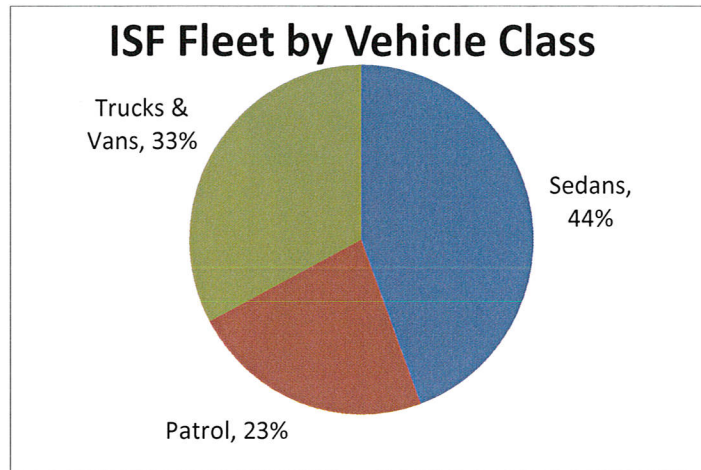
The Fleet Services Division operates as an Internal Service Fund (ISF), providing services to a variety of County Departments. As an ISF, Fleet is responsible to fully recover the cost of providing services and the cost of capital purchases. Key responsibilities of the Division are vehicle preventative maintenance and repair, fueling, replacement analysis, specification review, acquisition, new vehicle upfitting, and preparation of surplus vehicles for disposal.

In FY 2014-15, Fleet Services had a staff of 19 Administration and Operations employees. The Administration section consists of one Fleet Manager, one Fleet Equipment Specialist and one Clerk. The Operations section consists of one Lead Fleet Technician, three Equipment Services Workers, nine Equipment Mechanics, two Equipment Service Writers and one Student Worker.

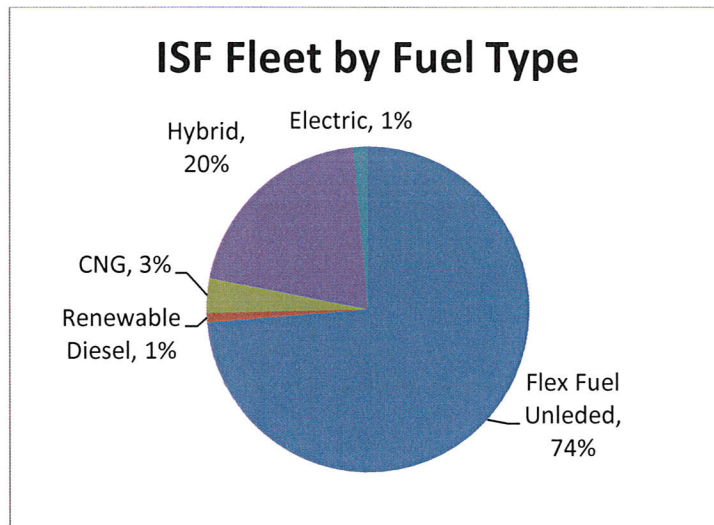
The FY 2014-15 budget of \$13,849,762 included \$2,165,719 for salaries; \$3,895,836 for vehicle repairs; \$2,976,998 for fuel; and \$3,805,156 for the replacement of fleet vehicles and equipment. The ending ISF Fund Balance for FY 2014-15 is \$11,510,328.



The ISF fleet has 789 vehicles, comprised of sedans, patrol vehicles, and trucks/vans.



Fleet Services continues to purchase clean air vehicles whenever feasible and plans to grow the number of electric vehicles in the fleet as existing equipment requires replacement. All diesel vehicles use renewable fuel and all sedans must have a PZEV rating or greater by the California Air Resources Board.



Fleet Services continues to work to achieve the primary goals and objectives of providing County departments with vehicles and equipment that are safe, efficient, reliable and consistent with departmental needs and requirements at the lowest possible cost. The Division will continue to monitor vehicle use to optimize new vehicle acquisition and better utilize existing vehicle assets.

Attachments

- A ISF Rates Schedule
- B ISF Fund Balance
- C ISF Net Assets

Internal Service Fund - Fleet Services
ISF Fleet Rates Schedule
FY 2015-16

Category	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14		FY 2014-15		FY 2015-16		% Change	
	Monthly Rate	Mileage Charge	Monthly Rate	Mileage Charge	Monthly Rate	Mileage Charge	Monthly Rate	Mileage Charge	Monthly Rate	Mileage Charge
ISF-Sedan	\$ 233.75	\$ 0.185	\$ 257.92	\$ 0.145	\$ 284.83	\$ 0.167	\$ 264.33	\$ 0.200	-7.2%	19.8%
ISF-Cargo Van	194.75	0.366	205.92	0.249	239.75	0.290	435.33	0.210	81.6%	-27.6%
ISF-Passenger Van	201.58	0.211	201.92	0.191	220.75	0.306	315.33	0.280	42.8%	-8.5%
ISF-Patrol	637.08	0.318	454.83	0.393	427.33	0.462	445.00	0.410	4.1%	-11.3%
ISF-Sports Utility Vehicle	421.83	0.247	311.33	0.294	307.42	0.272	374.50	0.200	21.8%	-26.5%
ISF-Truck, Compact	213.00	0.215	194.67	0.190	194.33	0.221	223.50	0.290	15.0%	31.2%
ISF-Truck, Fullsize	246.92	0.200	238.25	0.249	233.50	0.388	335.08	0.410	43.5%	5.7%
ISF-Truck, Utility	421.83	0.247	305.25	0.256	381.50	0.329	316.42	0.550	-17.1%	67.2%

**Internal Service Fund - Fleet Services
Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 11,164,010	\$ 11,233,276
Expenses		
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,859,583	2,202,121
Services and Supplies, Other Charges	6,815,118	6,707,489
Depreciation	1,648,815	1,915,405
Total Expenses	\$ 10,323,516	\$ 10,825,015
Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 10,080,382	\$ 10,326,325
Transfers In/(Out)	-	131,205
Sale of Surplus Vehicles	250,932	199,283
Indemnifying Proceeds (Accidents)	61,468	445,254
Total Revenue	\$ 10,392,782	\$ 11,102,067
Change in Fund Balance	\$ 69,266	\$ 277,052
FY Ending Fund Balance	\$ 11,233,276	\$ 11,510,328

**Internal Service Fund - Fleet Services
Balance Sheet (Fund 150100)
As of June 30, 2015**

		<u>FY 2013-14</u>	<u>FY 2014-15</u>
Assets			
Current Assets:			
0010	Cash	\$ 3,615,370	\$ 3,692,800
0100	Accounts Receivable	12,301	3,119
0170	Inventories	345,902	331,085
0180	Due From Other Funds	1,315,002	1,120,686
0250	Prepaid Expense	31,420	10,317
	Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 5,319,995</u>	<u>\$ 5,158,007</u>
Noncurrent Assets:			
0340	Equipment	18,984,902	19,916,589
0360	Construction In Progress	1,386,351	1,736,583
0370	Reserve For Depreciation	(13,174,410)	(13,793,923)
	Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>\$ 7,196,843</u>	<u>\$ 7,859,250</u>
	Total Assets	<u>\$ 12,516,838</u>	<u>\$ 13,017,257</u>
Liabilities			
0500	Accounts Payable	\$ 379,201	\$ 834,879
0540	Due To Other Funds	832,682	592,431
0640	Employee Fringe Benefit Pay	71,680	79,618
	Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,283,563</u>	<u>\$ 1,506,928</u>
Net Position			
	Capital Assets, Net of Debt	\$ 7,196,843	\$ 7,859,250
	Working Capital (Current Assets Net Current Liabilities)	4,036,432	3,651,079
	Total Net Position	<u>\$ 11,233,275</u>	<u>\$ 11,510,328</u>

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
Office of the County Administrator
ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN

Number: 508.5
Date: November 17, 2015
Section: Property and Equipment

SUBJECT: County Vehicle and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Policy, and Clean Air Vehicle Policy and Goals

This bulletin sets forth County policy and guidelines for department requests for acquisition and replacement of County vehicles and equipment.

- I. APPLICABILITY.** This bulletin is applicable to addition and replacement vehicles and equipment to be acquired by County departments either through purchase, lease purchase or donation.
- II. AUTHORITY.** By Board Order, Item C.162, July 18, 2000, proposed County Vehicle/Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Policy

III. POLICY GUIDELINES

Additional and replacement vehicles and equipment to be acquired by County departments either through purchase, lease purchase or donation must be appropriate for the intended use, within the approved budget, safe to operate, and cost efficient both to operate and maintain. The expected annual use of any vehicle should be in excess of 3,000 miles. Dedicated Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and battery electric vehicles with frequent and demonstrated short trip usage patterns may be exempted from the County minimum mileage requirement. Replacement priority will be given to vehicles and/or equipment that are determined by the Public Works Department Fleet Manager (Fleet Manager) to be unsafe, in the poorest condition, uneconomical to operate or maintain, or have the highest program need.

- A. ACQUISITION OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT** The acquisition of “replacement” vehicles or equipment may be approved by the Fleet Manager and County Administrator, provided that the vehicle being replaced meets or exceeds the minimum mileage criterion and/or the vehicle/equipment is damaged beyond economical repair as determined by the Fleet Manager.

Vehicles and equipment will be considered for replacement or, in the case of low utilization, reassignment to another function or department, when one or more of the following conditions exist as determined by the Fleet Manager.

1. Replacement parts are no longer available to make repairs
2. Continued use is unsafe
3. Damage has made continued use infeasible
4. Cost of repair exceeds the remaining value

5. Low utilization (usage does not exceed 3,000 miles per year) cannot justify ongoing maintenance and insurance costs

B. MILEAGE EVALUATION INTERVALS At the mileage intervals specified below, vehicles will be evaluated to determine their condition and expected life. The Fleet Manager is to make such evaluations in accordance with the following schedule. Evaluations may be conducted sooner under certain conditions, such as when a vehicle needs repairs more often than other vehicles of the same class and age, or when a vehicle has been damaged. After initial evaluations, a vehicle will be re-evaluated every 12,000 miles or until it reaches the end of its life, at which time it will be declared surplus.

VEHICLE TYPE	EVALUATION INTERVAL
Sedans	90,000 miles
Sheriff Patrol Sedans	90,000 miles
Passenger Vans	90,000 miles
Cargo Vans	90,000 miles
Sports Utility Truck	100,000 miles
Pickups and 4x4	100,000 miles
Medium/Heavy Duty Trucks	120,000 miles
Buses	180,000 miles
School Buses	8 years/(inspect every 45 days by law)
Miscellaneous Equipment	Depends on Condition

C. EQUIPMENT ABUSE, NEGLIGENCE, AND MISUSE Departments utilizing County equipment shall be responsible for all costs associated with driver abuse, negligence, or misuse of County equipment. Determination of abuse, negligence, or misuse will be at the discretion of the Fleet Manager. The Fleet Manager shall notify the department using the equipment of any charges covered under this section.

D. VEHICLE CITATIONS, PARKING TICKETS, AND TOLL EVASION NOTICES The department utilizing the equipment shall be responsible for ensuring payment of all citations, parking tickets, and toll evasion notices attributed to any equipment. Citations or tickets attributed to equipment due to administrative reasons (license, titling, registration, etc.) will be the responsibility of the Fleet Manager to resolve, with the exception of expired registration tabs on undercover vehicles. The department utilizing the equipment is responsible for ensuring undercover plated vehicles display a current registration tab.

- E. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT Departments requesting acquisition of an additional vehicle or piece of equipment must demonstrate the need and identify the source of funding for the acquisition and its ongoing maintenance. Funds for the acquisition of additional or replacement vehicles/equipment must be appropriated in the County budget before such acquisition can occur. This appropriation may be included in the annual County Budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors or may occur via a budget appropriation adjustment approved by the Board during the fiscal year. The attached form shall be used for each [Vehicle and Equipment Request Form](#) and forwarded to the County Administrator's Office, Budget Division, upon whose approval the request will be sent to the Fleet Manager for technical recommendations.

Any vehicle and/or equipment that is offered as a donation to the County must be inspected by the Fleet Manager and determined to be in good operating condition, safe, and efficient to operate and maintain prior to acceptance. If the vehicle does not meet these criteria, the donation is not to be accepted. Donated vehicles and equipment require a signed Board Order before the donated equipment may be accepted.

IV. CLEAN AIR VEHICLE POLICY AND GOALS

It is the intent of the County to procure the most fuel efficient and lowest emission vehicles and reduce petroleum fuel consumption. Vehicle and equipment purchases shall be operable on available County alternate fuel sources to the greatest extent practicable and must comply with all applicable clean air and vehicle emission regulations.

- A. VEHICLE PURCHASES Alternate fuel (electric, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), fuel cell, etc.) vehicles shall be procured to the greatest extent practicable. If an alternate fuel vehicle is not operationally feasible, a hybrid electric vehicle shall be the next type considered for procurement. Vehicle purchases other than alternate fuel or hybrid electric require specific justification and approval by the Fleet Manager and shall be rated no lower than Partial Zero Emission Vehicle (PZEV) by the California Air Resources Board when possible.

- B. EXEMPTION FROM CLEAN AIR VEHICLES POLICY Marked emergency response vehicles (e.g. police patrol, fire, paramedic, and other Code 3 equipped units), may be exempt from the Clean Air Vehicle Policy. The Fleet Manager may also grant exemptions for vehicles used primarily for prisoner transport or when no alternate fuel or low emission vehicle is available that meets the essential vehicle requirements or specifications. The intended use of the vehicle shall be the determining criteria for granting a Clean Air Vehicle Policy exemption.

V. DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITY

A. Department Head or Designee assigned vehicles

1. Designate a department staff person to serve as the departments point of contact for all fleet related issues
2. Ensure safe operation of all vehicles and bringing in vehicles to the Fleet Services Center for scheduled preventative maintenance and safety inspection when requested by the Fleet Manager
3. Budget appropriately for all expenses
4. Prepare and submit [Vehicle and Equipment Request Form](#) to the County Administrator's Office, Budget Division for approval of replacement and/or addition of vehicles
5. Enter correct mileage when purchasing fuel
6. Ensure vehicle meets minimum use guidelines
7. Notify Fleet Manager of any vehicle assignment changes

B. County Administrator's Office

1. Review requests for purchase of vehicles for operational need, compliance with County policy, and budgetary impact.

C. Public Works Department – Fleet Services Division

1. Administer and oversee the County Fleet including providing regular preventative maintenance and repairs.
2. Budget for the acquisition and replacement of vehicles and/or equipment
3. Prepare annual report and summary of the distribution of light vehicles and heavy equipment by department for the current fiscal year, the two prior fiscal years, and the recommended distribution for the new fiscal year.

4. Develop light duty vehicle and equipment specifications to increase alternate fuel (CNG, electric, fuel cell, etc.) hybrid electric, and partial zero or less emission vehicle purchases.
5. Identify and procure suitable alternate fuels for use in County vehicles
6. Monitor and identify non-County alternate fuel locations for use by County vehicles

Originating Department(s):

County Administrator's Office
Public Works Department

Information Contacts:

County Administrator's Office –Management Analyst Liaison
County Fleet Manager at 925.313.7072

Update Contact:

County Administrator Senior Deputy, Municipal Services

/s/

David Twa
County Administrator

VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REQUEST FORM
(See Instruction Sheet)

Department: _____ Date: _____
Authorized Signature: _____ Telephone: _____
Printed Name: _____

1. Reason and justification for vehicle request: _____

2. Funding Source (Budget information will be used to prepare Board Order): _____

Is an appropriation adjustment needed? Yes No

Fiscal Officer: Name: _____ Telephone: _____

3. Description of vehicle or equipment requested (If applicable, complete an accessories form): _____

4. Is an alternative fuel vehicle acceptable? Yes No

If no, reason clean air vehicle will not work: _____

5. If replacement, which vehicle or equipment is being replaced: Type: _____
Vehicle/Equipment Number: _____ Odometer/Hours: _____

6. Reason purchase cannot wait until next budget cycle: _____

7. CAO Release to PWD Fleet Manager: Yes No Date: _____
CAO Signature: _____

FOR PWD FLEET MANAGER USE

1. Is vehicle/equipment an addition to the fleet? Yes No

2. If vehicle/equipment is for replacement, an inspection/evaluation to be completed by Fleet Manager:

Date Inspected: _____

Vehicle/Equipment: Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Condition of vehicle and/or equipment and life expectancy: _____

Accumulated Depreciation: _____ Estimated Salvage Value: _____

Estimated Cost of Request: _____

3. Any underutilized vehicles in existing department fleet? Yes No

4. Fleet Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructions

1. Use a separate request form for each vehicle.
2. Funding Source: Information to be descriptive and is to include funding source (i.e., grant funds, etc.) and department charge numbers. This information is used to prepare "Financial Impact" paragraph on Board Order and requisition. *No vehicle or equipment will be ordered until funding is transferred into the proper Public Works Department Accounting fund and approval by the Board of Supervisors has been received.*
3. Purchase of a car, van or pick-up requires an accessories form to be completed and attached to the Vehicle and Equipment Request Form. Accessories forms (pdf files) are available for download from the intranet site or by calling (925) 313-7071.
4. Alternative Vehicles: CNG = Compressed Natural Gas
Hybrid = Combination of gasoline and electric
Electric= Charging stations available at 1220 Morello Avenue or 2467 Waterbird Way, Martinez
5. Describe vehicle or equipment type being replaced. Vehicle and odometer or equipment number and hour usage must be completed.
6. Reason must be specific. Poor planning is not a justification.
7. Submit completed Vehicle and Equipment Request form to CAO Analyst assigned to your department.

General Information:

Purchase Time: Purchase time varies in length depending on type of vehicle or equipment requested and the supplier. On average, the process takes approximately 90 days after the Fleet Manager receives Board of Supervisors approval.

Underutilized Vehicles: Fleet Services will determine whether department requesting a new vehicle has any underutilized vehicles in its current inventory prior to approval of the request. Underutilized vehicles must be addressed prior to purchase of any new vehicles.

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

5.

Meeting Date: 03/28/2016

Subject: COUNTY'S SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Submitted For: Betsy Burkhart, Communications & Media Director

Department: Office of Communications & Media

Referral No.: IOC 16/9

Referral Name: DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Presenter: Betsy Burkhart, Communications &
Media Director

Contact: Betsy Burkhart,
925-313-1180

Referral History:

On June 17, 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved a social media policy (**attached**) governing the use of various online engagement tools by County employees for business communication purposes. The County Administrator requested the Office of Communications and Media, with assistance from Risk Management and County Counsel, develop guidelines for use and training. Input and direction from the Internal Operations Committee in 2013 and 2014 shaped the contents of the umbrella policy. Due to staffing and resource limitations, the implementation of the policy was deferred to 2016.

Referral Update:

Risk Management is working with the Office of Communications and Media (OCM) to develop and host custom web-based training, using Target Solutions, for all account administrators. The training will include the following key areas:

- how to open and register a new social media account
- social media as a public record and records retention/archiving
- legal issues affecting government social media use
- social media monitoring and effective measurement/analytics
- social media in crisis and emergency communications

The OCM is currently piloting the use of Sprout Social, a tool designed to manage social media use and mentions across multiple platforms. It also offers a higher level of analytics than free tools such as TweetDeck and Hootsuite. At the conclusion of the pilot, a recommendation will be made on the value of having a countywide monitoring and management tool for all County social media accounts.

The OCM has extensively researched best practices in implementing government social media policies. Staff is developing content for an intranet-based website that will provide County social media administrators with the guidelines for use of the primary social media tools currently being utilized. Those include Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Vimeo, LinkedIn, Pinterest,

Periscope, Snapchat, Flickr and Google+. As more tools emerge, they will be added to the guidelines section.

The County's current intranet requires IT staff to add and update content, creating extra work for a very small web team. It uses outdated technology, and is used sparingly as a countywide resource. The County Administrator has authorized the OCM to work with CivicPlus, the web content management system vendor for the County website, to develop a new intranet framework in 2016. Departments that currently maintain their own intranet sites may keep them or develop a new ones in CivicPlus. All employees, even those whose departments have created standalone websites outside of the County site, will be able to access the new intranet. Department heads and elected officials will designate which staff members should have access rights to update their content, much as it works now with their public-facing web pages.

The benefit to a new, user-friendly intranet as it pertains to social media is that County account holders will have a one-stop shop for "how to" guidelines for each of the tools used, access to the online form for requesting a new account, links to help sites and phone numbers for social media tools, and many other useful resources.

Several County offices have initiated discussions with social media archiving companies, recognizing that managing social media records is much more complex than originally thought. The OCM is working with county departments to consolidate this into an enterprise-wide approach to be more cost-effective and efficient.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

The policy is going to be put into an Administrative Bulletin format, and made available to all employees. The Target Solutions training modules and intranet site with guidelines for use and other resources is expected to be ready for use by September 1, 2016, allowing the policy to go into full effect before the end of the year.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

Utilizing a social media archive service and analytics tool would have annual costs typically less than \$25,000 for both if managed at an enterprise level.

Attachments

Social Media Policy

Minutes Attachments

No file(s) attached.



Contra Costa County Social Media Policy

This policy establishes guidelines governing the use of social media by County employees for the purpose of communicating to the public. Social media should be understood to include any web-based tool that allows for open communication on the internet, including but not limited to micro-blog sites (Twitter,) social networking sites (Facebook, LinkedIn,) video sharing sites (YouTube,) and image sharing sites (Instagram).

Contra Costa County departments, offices and divisions may use social media when its use will further the business goals of the County and the missions of its departments. The County supports the secure use of approved and established social media tools to deliver information to the public.

For departments, offices and divisions that have a business need to communicate via social media, this policy will govern the use of those tools.

1. All official Contra Costa County accounts on social media sites are considered an extension of the County's business and are governed by applicable County policies pertaining to email, Internet use and security. Accounts must be managed by County employees, not interns, contractors or volunteers.
2. Accounts should be established and managed by departments following terms of service negotiated with social media providers by the federal government and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers. Staff shall use official government accounts rather than personal accounts to represent County services and programs.
3. Departmental and office accounts will be centrally coordinated through a County Social Media Registry. Existing accounts will be grandfathered-in; new accounts will be requested through the Office of Communications and Media for departments that do not have official communications staff. All account administrators will provide their contact information and a backup contact for the registry in the event of a problem or security issue with their account.
4. Social media account managers will attend annual training to ensure compliance with applicable security and privacy laws, copyright, records retention, the California Public Records Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA.)
5. Contra Costa County's countywide and departmental websites will remain the primary and predominant internet presences. Whenever possible, content posted to County social media sites will also be available on related County websites to make information accessible to residents who do not use social media. Content posted to County social media sites should, when practical, contain links directing users back to official County



Contra Costa County Social Media Policy

websites for in-depth information, forms, documents or online services necessary for conducting business with Contra Costa County.

6. In the event of an emergency, all County social media contents and postings should be coordinated through the Office of Communication and Media or its designee. Departments with official communications staff will take the lead in delivering their emergency information and keep the Office of Communications and Media informed. The goal will be to ensure that messages are consistent across the many accounts and platforms managed by the County. Depending upon the incident, account managers may be asked to point to specific departmental social media sites that will serve as the main source of information.
7. Employees communicating on behalf of the County via social media are, in fact, representing the County at all times. Employees who fail to adhere to the guidelines and conduct themselves as agents of the County will be removed from account administration and may be subject to disciplinary action.
8. Guidelines for using approved social media tools and specific "how to" instructions for establishing and maintaining accounts will be provided to all County users, and updated regularly in an online tool kit.



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

6.

Meeting Date: 03/28/2016
Subject: Animal Welfare Benefit Fund
Submitted For: Beth Ward, Animal Services Director
Department: Animal Services
Referral No.: IOC 16/10
Referral Name: Animal Benefit Fund Review
Presenter: Beth Ward **Contact:** Beth Ward (925) 335-8370

Referral History:

On April 21, 2015, the Board of Supervisors received several comments regarding the Animal Benefit Fund from members of the public during fiscal year 2015/16 budget hearings. As part of budget deliberations, the Board directed staff to include a review of the Animal Benefit Fund to a Board Standing Committee for further review.

On May 12, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted the fiscal year 2015/16 budget. Included in the Board's action was the formal referral of this issue to the Internal Operations Committee.

On September 14, 2015, the CAO reported to the IOC on the history of the Animal Benefit Fund (**report attached hereto for reference**). With the retirement of former Animal Services Director Glenn Howell, further study on this referral was suspended until the new department director (Beth Ward) could review the history and provide input and advice to the Committee.

Referral Update:

I. BACKGROUND ON THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

The Contra Costa County Animal Shelter (CCCAS) receives approximately 12,000 live domestic and livestock animals annually. CCCAS' budget is designed to cover the basic needs of incoming stray, abandoned, and homeless animals and our County licensing and field services departments. The basic needs include food, prophylactic medical care (spay/neutering), antibiotics and general veterinary supplies, emergency veterinary treatment, sterilization, microchips, and collars/travel boxes for animals.

As an open-door agency, the CCCAS accepts animals suffering from medical or behavioral conditions that while treatable, may initially disqualify the animal from placement into a new home. CCCAS' operating budget is currently not designed to fund extended medical rehabilitation for injured/ill animals, behavior management, foster care supplies for orphaned animals, supplies designed to enhance animal enrichment in the shelter environment, or marketing and outreach efforts aimed at increasing adoptions.

II. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ANIMAL BENEFIT FUND.

In 1988, the CCCAS created the Animal Benefit Fund. The original purpose of the Animal Benefit Fund was to allow the Animal Services Department to receive donations from individuals, animal welfare organizations and businesses, to support animal health and welfare projects that are not funded by departmental or general County revenue.

Since the creation of the Animal Benefit Fund, monetary contributions and donations for services and supplies for animal welfare have provided for unfunded needs of the animals impounded in CCCAS. These donations have come in the form of grants or “soft ask” gifts over the counter or from our website.

IV. PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE 1988 RESOLUTION.

In order to increase our ability to create more funding opportunities and clarity around how funds will be used, the CCCAS is requesting that the Board approve a Resolution that expands upon the 1988 Resolution. Specifically, CCCAS would request that the Board rescind the 1988 Resolution and replace with a new Resolution, authorizing the CCCAS Director to accept any monetary donation, gift, bequest, or devise made to or in favor of the Contra Costa County Animal Services Department as allowed under Government Code section 25355, approve the continued use of the Animal Benefit Fund, establish new programs that receive assistance under that Fund, authorize the CCCASD Director to solicit donations for the benefit of shelter animals, and require the CCCAS Director to provide an annual report to the I/O Committee.

The following are the program descriptions:

Animal Benefit Fund: Animals have a variety of needs, and CCCAS does not always have the funds to address those needs. The Animal Benefit Fund may be used for such needs as medical treatment of a sick/injured dog, orthopedic repair for a damaged limb, veterinary diagnostic tests, kennel enrichment in the form of toys and beds, upgraded dog training supplies for volunteers such as training collars/harnesses, nutritional supplies for orphaned puppies and kittens, print or radio advertising to promote adoptions, and spay/neuter efforts. In addition to monetary donations to the Animal Benefit Fund, wish lists, in-kind gifts, Amazon Smile gifts, and gift cards to pet stores, home improvement stores, and other big box stores can also help us with these needs.

The Animal Benefit Fund would support the following seven new programs:

(1) Panda’s Gift Program: This program is for emergency vet care and goes to help animals like Panda, a dog who was brought to us in distress, in labor with a deceased puppy stuck inside, an old injury to her left eye and in overall poor condition. Our medical team acted quickly, rushing her into surgery, removed the puppy from the birth canal, performed an Ovariohysterectomy, and did a third eyelid flap to protect her injured eye. Panda quickly recovered from her surgery and acted like a new pup, snuggling with her foster family and learning what it felt like to be safe and loved. A family met and fell in love with Panda and took her home to join their household. Without donations to this fund, happy endings like Panda’s would not be possible.

(2) Education Program: This program is to help pet owners resolve behavioral problems that might cause them to give up their pet, to help shelter animals with behavioral issues that might keep them from being easily adopted, and to create education programs for school age children. CCCAS will be creating a program where local trainers will work with pet owners, shelter dogs, volunteers and foster homes on reducing various behavioral problems, resulting in fewer surrenders and more successful adoptions. This program can also help to support humane education in our communities.

(3) Shelter Intervention Program: Often times families get into a crisis situation where they turn to surrendering their pet to a shelter. Our intervention program would help to provide resources to keep animals in their homes. Examples of intervention tools: spay/neuter, behavior/training assistance, and grooming.

(4) Transfer Partner Assistance Program: This program would provide support to our smaller transfer partners, who help save the lives of animals with medical concerns or basic Spay/Neuter support for animals pulled from CCASD.

(5) Spay and Neuter Program: This program would make spay and neuter more affordable and accessible in our County by establishing a donation subsidized voucher program to provide free or low cost spay/neuter surgeries in collaboration with local veterinarians.

(6) Pets for Seniors Program: A pet is sometimes the only companion our community's elders have, and the health and psychological benefits of having a pet are well-documented. This program pays a portion of the adoption fee for qualifying seniors, allowing them to use the money they saved to help pay for the initial items necessary for keeping a pet. This program may also be used to help seniors on limited incomes to keep animals in their lives when they may have had to give up their furry companion due to lack of money for basic daily needs or medical concerns.

(7) Discounted Adoption Program: Sometimes, we are critically full of pets waiting for new homes. Rather than euthanize healthy adoptable or treatable animals, CCCAS discounts the adoption of pets to give people even more of an incentive to adopt. CCCAS also participates in national adoption events, promoting the placement of shelter animals. We are only able to offer reduced-fee adoptions when we have donated funding available.

V. OTHER PROPOSALS COVERED IN THE UPDATED RESOLUTION.

In addition to approving the formation of the new programs described above, the Resolution would delegate the CCCAS Director with the power to accept any gift, bequest, or devise made for the benefit of animals in the shelter through programs such as a car donation and planned giving programs pursuant to Government Code Section 25355. In keeping with this code section, the Director will file a report with the Board every quarter that describes the source and value of each gift. An annual report will also be provided that shares the impact of the Animal Benefit fund on our community animals and families. As is required by statute, any gifted funds or assets will be used for those purposes as are prescribed in the terms of the gift, bequest, or devise. The monies in these funds are not intended to replace General Funds, rather they are to supplement and enhance our care for animals and support of the public.

CCCAS is also requesting that the Director be authorized to solicit monetary contributions through methods such as request forms included in dog license mailing, website information, and adopters and owners surrendering pets being given the opportunity to assist other shelter animals by contributing at the time of their transaction. Donations will be tax-deductible and acknowledged in writing to the donor.

Gifts by donors may be designated directly to a specific gift fund or program. Gifts received with no instruction as to the use for a specific area or program or funds donated for "general animal welfare" will be considered as part of the general Animal Benefit Fund. Monies raised through in-house donations, and/or general fund raising activities shall be considered undesignated gift funds.

The Director will utilize these funds in a manner that is consistent with the specific purpose for

which they were donated. It is also important to recognize that these are donated funds and as such the use of the funds to pay businesses, organizations and fund voucher programs for various services to support the CCCASD programs would not be considered “gifts of County funds”.

Each year, the Director will recommend expenditures from the Animal Benefit Fund through the budgetary process. Grants and designated funds shall be expended according to the grant or designated gift. Designated balances of \$50 or less will be rolled back into the undesignated gift funds.

Should the CCCAS wish to expend more than \$25,000 per purchase order, CCCAS must submit a request in writing for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The CCCAS anticipates that approximately \$150,000 will be received annually in donations. This estimate is based on the amount of donations received by the animal shelter over the last 3 years.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

1. ACCEPT report from the Animal Services Director on the Animal Benefit Fund;
2. CONSIDER recommendations of the Animal Services Director and PROVIDE direction to staff regarding next steps:
 - authorize the CCCAS Director to accept any monetary donation, gift, bequest, or devise made to or in favor of the Contra Costa County Animal Services Department as allowed under Government Code section 25355 (*NOTE: County policy requires Department Heads to notify the CAO regarding donations exceeding \$1,000 and obtain Board of Supervisors approval for donations exceeding \$10,000*),
 - approve the continued use of the Animal Benefit Fund,
 - establish new programs that receive assistance under that Fund,
 - authorize the CCCASD Director to solicit donations for the benefit of shelter animals, and
 - require the CCCAS Director to provide an annual report to the I/O Committee.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

No impact to the General Fund. The Animal Benefit Fund is the repository for community donations that help to fund unmet needs of animals impounded at County shelters.

Agenda Attachments

Archived 9-14-15 Report to IOC on Animal Benefit Fund

Minutes Attachments

Public Comment

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

6.

Meeting Date: 09/14/2015
Subject: Animal Welfare Benefit Fund
Submitted For: David Twa, County Administrator
Department: County Administrator
Referral No.: IOC 15/14
Referral Name: Animal Benefit Fund Review
Presenter: Timothy Ewell **Contact:** Timothy Ewell (925) 335-1036

Referral History:

On April 21, 2015, the Board of Supervisors received several comments regarding the Animal Benefit Fund from members of the public during fiscal year 2015/16 budget hearings. As part of budget deliberations, the Board directed staff to include a review of the Animal Benefit Fund to a Board Standing Committee for further review.

On May 12, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted the fiscal year 2015/16 budget. Included in the Board's action was the formal referral of this issue to the Internal Operations Committee.

Referral Update:

Staff has included information to assist the Committee discussion, including a copy of a board order from 1988 seeking to make the Animal Benefit Fund (Fund No. 133200) interest bearing, a ten-year revenue and expenditure history, current fund balance and detailed expenditures from fiscal year 2014/15.

The Resolution establishing the Fund could not be located; however, staff has included a Board Order that clarifies in its background:

"...to avoid disputes as to the disbursement of money in the fund, the Animal Services Director is authorized to make disbursements which, in his or her judgment, are in the best interest of the animals in the custody of the County."

This has been a continued practice of the department and applies to both one-time capital expenditures and reimbursement for various services and supplies that benefit animals being housed by the County. It is important to note that this practice does not supersede County procurement requirements, which among other things, require purchase orders or contracts exceeding \$100,000 to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. In addition, expenditures between \$25,000 and \$100,000 must be approved by the County Administrator's Office following recommendation by a department head.

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In the most recent fiscal year, the Animal Services Department recommended and the Board approved one-time expenditures totaling \$309,925: \$170,000 for a Mobile Adoption Van and \$139,925 for stainless steel rolling cat cages. Both Board Orders are included in this agenda packet for reference.

The current fund balance in the Animal Benefit Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 is \$645,555; however, it is important to note that the Fund has not yet been charged for the Mobile Van or the full costs of the acquisition of stainless steel cat cages.

Senior Deputy County Administrator Timothy Ewell will be present to provide a verbal report introducing the issue to the Committee. Interim Animal Services Director Glenn Howell has been invited to the Committee meeting to assist in answering any questions that the Committee may have.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

1. ACCEPT report on the Animal Benefit Fund; and,
2. PROVIDE direction to staff regarding next steps.

Attachments

Board Order Animal Benefit Fund Interest Accrual 7-12-88

Animal Benefit Fund 10 Year Expenditure History

Animal Benefit Fund Balance as of 8-30-15

Board Order Mobile Van Purchase 2-3-15

Board Order Cat Cages Purchase 2-3-15

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TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 FROM: Diane Iwasa, Director
 Animal Services Department
 DATE: June 15, 1988
 SUBJECT: Authorization for Interest Accural to the Animal Benefit Fund.



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SPECIFIC REQUEST(S) OR RECOMMENDATION(S) & BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

RECOMMENDATION

The Animal Services Department is currently depositing donations to the Department in the Animal Benefit Fund.

The Board acknowledges and approves this practice and also authorizes the present amount in the Animal Benefit Fund and future additions to the fund to be invested for maximum return with interest to be credited to the fund with quarterly reviews to add interest to principal.

BACKGROUND

The Animal Services Department receives donations from individuals, animal welfare organizations and businesses, to support animal health and welfare projects that are not funded by departmental or general County revenue. Since the monies received are donated for a specific purpose, the interest accruing from monies deposited in this account should be credited to the benefit fund. In order to avoid disputes as to the disbursement of money in the fund, the Animal Services Director is authorized to make disbursements which, in his or her judgment, are in the best interest of the animals in the custody of the County.

CONTINUED ON ATTACHMENT: YES

SIGNATURE: *Diane Iwasa*

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

APPROVE OTHER

SIGNATURE(S):

ACTION OF BOARD ON July 12, 1988 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

UNANIMOUS (ABSENT)
 AYES: NOES:
 ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF AN ACTION TAKEN AND ENTERED ON THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE DATE SHOWN.

cc: County Administrator
Auditor-Controller
Animal Services

ATTESTED July 12, 1988
PHIL BATCHELOR, CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BY *C. Matthews*, DEPUTY

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	10 Year Total	2014/15 Actual	2013/14 Actual	2012/13 Actual	2011/12 Actual	2010/11 Actual	2009/10 Actual	2008/09 Actual	2007/08 Actual	2006/07 Actual	2005/06 Actual
0369 ANIMAL BENEFIT FUND											
	SUMMARY										
E2000	Services and Supplies	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	59,384	0	0
E3000	Other Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,454	0	0
E5000	Expenditure Transfers	162,440	66,022	100,029	178,627	0	0	184,700	0	0	0
TOTEXP	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	163,440	66,022	100,029	178,627	0	0	184,700	81,839	0	0
TOTREV	GROSS REVENUE	136,838	171,539	161,727	152,507	73,032	70,248	135,945	78,104	48,454	46,086
	NETCOST NET FUND COST (NFC)	26,602	(105,517)	(61,698)	26,120	(73,032)	(70,248)	48,755	3,735	(48,454)	(46,086)
	EXPENDITURES										
2352	Witness Fees & Expenses	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2479	Other Special Departmental Exp	59,384	0	0	0	0	0	0	59,384	0	0
3611	Interfund Exp - Gov/Gov	22,454	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,454	0	0
5011	Reimbursements-Gov/Gov	513,191	66,022	100,029	0	0	0	184,700	0	0	0
5016	Intrafund-Trans-Gov/Gov	178,627	0	0	178,627	0	0	0	0	0	0
	REVENUE										
9070	Animal Licenses	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9181	Earnings on Investment	73,664	1,793	2,135	2,520	1,964	1,435	5,499	17,905	21,557	16,392
9721	Spay Clinic Fees	770	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	770
9725	Misc Humane Services	788	0	0	0	0	96	642	0	0	50
9874	Autopsies & Medical Reports	52	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0
9945	Sundry Taxable Sale	2,403	0	0	0	0	0	2,958	0	0	(555)
9965	Restricted Donations	996,277	134,347	159,592	149,935	71,068	68,718	126,846	59,699	26,897	29,429
9966	Misc Grants & Donations	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0

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FUND BALANCE CALCULATION		
FUND #	133200	ANIMAL BENEFIT
ASSETS	\$645,554.97	<i>Account #'s 0010 - 0490</i>
- LIABILITIES	\$0.00	<i>Account #'s 0500 - 0690</i>
= FUND BALANCE	\$645,554.97	<i>Account #'s 0700 - 0990</i>
		<i>Fund Balance listed is Total Fund Balance and may include restricted monies such as encumbrances</i>
As-Of Date	8/31/2015	<i>(FISCAL YEAR PY)</i>
Two ways to determine Fund Balance:		
Assets minus Liabilities	\$645,554.97	<i>Total of ending balances for all accounts 0010 - 0690</i>
Fund Balance	-\$645,554.97	<i>Total of all accounts in the 0700 - 0990 range EXCLUDING the six Budgetary accounts:</i> <i>0710 Reserve for Encumbrances</i> <i>0760 Budget Control - PY Encumbrances</i> <i>0780 Budgetary Control - Current Year</i> <i>0910 Estimated Revenue</i> <i>0930 Appropriations PY & CY</i> <i>0940 Encumbrances</i> <i>These six accounts should always be ignored when calculating Fund Balance.</i> <i>Normally, the accounts remaining after exclusion will be:</i> <i>0750 Fund Balance Available</i> <i>0810 (0800) Revenue (or Receipts)</i> <i>0820 (0830) Expenditures (or Disbursements)</i> <i>0860 Fund Transfers</i>

You can calculate the FUND BALANCE as of the latest daily or period-end **General Ledger**. Please enter the Fund Number to calculate:

Fund #:

As of the latest...

DAILY run for:	Current Year *	Prior Year	
PERIOD-END for:	FY 2015-16 *	FY 2010-11	FY 2005-06
	FY 2014-15	FY 2009-10	FY 2004-05

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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Glenn E. Howell, Animal Services Director
Date: February 3, 2015

Subject: Mobile Adoption Vehicle Resolution

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Agent, or designee, on behalf of the Animal Services Department, to execute a purchase order with La Boit Specialty Vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00, to procure a mobile adoption vehicle, per Bid No. 1411-110.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Cost is to be charged directly to the Animal Services Department and will be 100% funded by donations to the Animal Services Department. No additional County costs are anticipated under this Resolution.

BACKGROUND:

A modern mobile adoption vehicle is long overdue. It will enhance our exposure at our weekly mobile adoption events, make for a great marketing tool, and most importantly improve our efforts to place animals into loving homes. The old adoption van is noisy and uncomfortable for animals and very unsettling for many dogs during transport. A new adoption van will be quiet and comfortable for the animals during transport. It will afford us the opportunity for the first time to bring cats to mobile adoption events. It has viewing areas that are comfortable not just for the animals, but for the public as well.

APPROVE

OTHER

RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: 02/03/2015 APPROVED AS
RECOMMENDED

OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 3, 2015

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Contact: Kathy O'Connell
925-335-8370

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Failure to allow procurement of the Mobile Adoption Van impedes Animal Services' ability to increase and expand our mobile adoption events and increase public access to adoptable animals.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.

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C. 44



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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Glenn E. Howell, Animal Services Director
Date: February 3, 2015

Subject: Animal Services Rolling Cat Cages

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Agent, or designee, to execute on behalf of the Animal Services Department, a purchase order with Tri Star Vet in an amount not to exceed \$139,928.08 to procure specialized stainless steel stackable rolling cat cages.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The purchase is 100% funded by donations to the Animal Services Department. No additional County costs are anticipated.

BACKGROUND:

The standards of care for animal housing within the Animal Shelter industry have dramatically increased and have been redefined over the last 10 years. One standard that was changed was the required space necessary for feline housing to prevent stress related diseases. The need for improved housing was also due to the animals' length of stay in a Shelter which has tripled over time. Severe confinement over an extended period of time has been shown to be the main cause of diseases in a shelter environment. The old feline housing at the Animal Services Department was outdated and considered, by current standards, to be inhumane. Presently we have a portion of the feline housing that has been here since the 1960s. It must be changed. In addition, the new, larger cages are mobile and easier to handle making the care of the animals more easily facilitated by Shelter staff.

APPROVE

OTHER

RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: 02/03/2015 APPROVED AS
RECOMMENDED

OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
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By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Kathy O'Connell
925-335-8370

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CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Contra Costa County Animal Services Department will be operating the shelter with below-standard feline cages, causing stress related diseases within the Shelter.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.

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STATEMENT TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

March 28, 2016

Linda C Rodgers

354 Kinross Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

925-360-7170

I am here to speak in support of the report, recommendations and proposal from Animal Services Director Beth Ward (Agenda Item #6) to expand the 1988 Resolution which established the Animal Benefit Fund by repealing it and replacing it with a new Resolution as described in the Agenda Item.

Those of us who have spent time in Contra Costa County working or volunteering in the animal management and rescue arena know we face a crisis. Our county had an explosion in human population in the early 2000's which also brought an explosion in the number of cats and dogs families brought with them, or whom later brought into their new homes. And then our county experienced the debacle of the financial failure in toxic home mortgages and those same families were forced to choose between spending resources needed for food for their children or the cost of S/N for their beloved companion animals. Clearly they choose to feed their human family, I understand that. But nonetheless, their once beloved companion animals became our county's "collateral damage". Those companion animals were abandoned in empty homes left to feed themselves, most were cats. Most were not S/N. And now these cats and their progeny are our county's responsibility. They do not deserve to be abandoned yet again. They did not ask "please do not S/N me". They did not ask "please leave me to fend for myself".

Additionally, literally thousands of animals would go uncared for and untreated were it not for the Animal Services Department and its associates, the professional animal clinics and transfer partners, such as the Contra Costa Humane Society and Outcast Cat Help and HALO, SNIP, Community Concern 4 Cats and others with whom I volunteer.

An important emphasis in the new Resolution is on using resources generated through the Animal Benefit Fund to bring these rescue groups into closer collaboration with the Animal Services Department and each other. While the Department tries valiantly to fulfill its Mission through the insufficient General Funds now available to it, it has no hope of expending its limited budget on critical programs which the Animal Benefit Fund would support.

I strongly urge this committee to approve the proposal Director Ward and her staff have put forward, and ask you to recommend it to the entire Board of Supervisors that they unanimously approve it.

STATEMENT TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

March 28, 2016

Peter A. Wilson

354 Kinross Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

925-360-7170

I come before you to speak in support of the report, recommendations and proposal from Animal Services Director Beth Ward (Agenda Item #6) to expand the 1988 Resolution which established the Animal Benefit Fund by repealing it and replacing it with a new Resolution as described in the Agenda Item.

Anyone who has spent any time in Contra Costa County working or volunteering in the animal management and rescue arena knows what a crisis we face. Literally thousands of animals would go uncared for and untreated were it not for the Animal Services Department and its associates, the professional animal clinics and transfer partners, such as the Contra Costa Humane Society and Outcast Cat with whom I have volunteered.

I will not go into detail regarding the programs outlined other than to say I agree with them all and hope you and the entire Board of Supervisors will support them. I will, however, make one point in concluding.

My wife and I have volunteered in animal rescue for a number of years. When we began we immediately realized that a major challenge facing the County was bringing together the many small, volunteer driven rescue groups found throughout the area. An important emphasis in the new Resolution is on using resources generated through the Animal Benefit Fund to bring these rescue groups into closer collaboration with the Animal Services Department and each other. While the Department tries valiantly to fulfill its Mission through General Funds now available to it, it has no hope of expending its limited budget on critical programs which the Animal Benefit Fund would support.

I applaud the proposal put forth by Director Ward and her staff, and urge you to recommend it be supported by the Board of Supervisors.



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

7.

Meeting Date: 03/28/2016

Subject: TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF BOARD ADVISORY BODIES - PHASE I
UPDATE

Submitted For: David Twa, County Administrator

Department: County Administrator

Referral No.: IOC 16/7

Referral Name: Advisory Body Triennial Review

Presenter: Terry Speiker, Chief Assistant CAO **Contact:** Theresa Speiker (925) 335-1096

Referral History:

The Board of Supervisors has asked a number of county residents, members of businesses located in the county and/or county staff to serve on appointed bodies that provide advice to the Board on matters of county or other governmental business. Periodically, the Board evaluates and examines the advisory bodies to determine if any changes are needed in the structure, composition, Board charge, enabling mandate, assignments or the inner workings of the bodies. Some of these reviews have led to changes in bylaws, membership requirements, structure, enabling charges, assignments/duties or sun-setting of the body.

Each body has an enabling charge and bylaws, which spell out structure, work processes and the expectations of members. Although bodies do not have the authority to hire employees, most bodies have been assigned county or contracted staff to assist the Chair, Vice Chair and the members with conducting the business of each body and providing regular reports, recommendations and advice to the BOS or other units of government. The business of each body is public and governed by all the applicable state and local laws about transparency and availability of the body's records to the members of the public. Some bodies are required to adopt a conflict of interest code, although the Fair Political Practices Commission asked us in 2014 that we review all bodies with these code requirements to see if they are legally necessary, according to State law. Bodies are expected to file an annual work plan with the BOS and a list of goals and priorities that will guide their work for that year. They also are asked to submit an annual report that summarizes their accomplishments and activities.

The first phase report of the current Triennial Review cycle was considered by the IO Committee on April 13, 2015. Several of the bodies were asked to return to the IOC in 2016 with updates or further information, including:

1. Airport Land Use Commission review of the Aviation Advisory Committee;
2. Economic Opportunity Council;
3. Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging;

4. Agricultural Task Force;
5. Commission for Women;
6. Emergency Medical Care Committee;
7. Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board and Hazardous Materials Commission;
and
8. Library Commission.

Referral Update:

This memo summarizes responses to questions or directions from the IOC concerning these advisory bodies.

- **The Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) Review of the Aviation Advisory Committee (AAC):** The Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) and the ALUC has provided the following response to the IOC question of whether or not the ALUC and the AAC should remain as separate entities or if their duties and responsibilities can be combined.

According to DCD, the ALUC is a state mandated body that is charged with reviewing proposed land use applications that are within the area of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan; no other duties are assigned to it. There is very little overlap between the duties of the AAC and the ALUC. The AAC is a discretionary advisory body that provides input and advice to the Director of Airports, the BOS, and the Board's Airport Committee on a wide range of airport issues. In the estimation of DCD, the AAC provides a vital interface and link to pilot organizations, airport staff, individual pilots and the communities surrounding the airport. Also according to the Department, most general aviation airports in California (like Contra Costa County's airports), have an AAC. The DCD Director believes that encouraging and supporting an active and engaged AAC is an airport management "best practice". For all the reasons cited, the DCD and the ALUC recommend to the IOC and BOS that the ALUC and the AAC be maintained as separate entities.

- **Economic Opportunity Council (EOC):** The Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) has provided follow-up information on questions raised during 2015 IOC meetings about the proper use of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding. At that time, some EOC members had raised concerns about whether CSBG money was being allocated correctly; members questioned if too much was being allocated towards staff and administrative costs and not enough towards programming. Since the 2015 IOC meetings, the EHSD Department Head and Community Services Bureau (CSB) Bureau Chief have met with the State and the EOC Board on a number of occasions to review the use and allocation of CSBG funds and the role of the EOC in fund oversight. (See **Attachment 2**.) The State has determined that there was no inappropriate use or allocation of CSBG funds and gave this information to the EOC Board. Subsequently, the State approved the 2016 budget for the current CSBG contract with Contra Costa County.

On March 5, 2016, the State met with the EOC Board to answer program or funding concerns of the members. Also at that time, State experts from the Community Services and Development Department provided a comprehensive orientation to the EOC Board, explaining the oversight role of the EOC in relation to CSBG funds. It is planned that dialogue of this type with the EOC Board will continue. Currently the Department is working with the State, County Counsel and the CAO to review and update, if needed, the Joint Powers Authority that is required to receive CSBG funds. Any proposed changes will be brought to the BOS for consideration.

- **Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA):** When this matter was discussed at the IOC in 2015, neither the Bureau Chief for Aging and Adult Services nor the Chair of the Advisory Council on Aging had been able to complete the Triennial Review because of a lack of stable Council membership and departmental staff support.

Since that time, a new Bureau Chief has been hired and has begun working with County Counsel and the

Chair of the Advisory Council to rewrite the ACOA Bylaws. Two significant changes proposed to the Bylaws will be to revamp the membership structure of the body and reduce the number of appointees so that a quorum can regularly be achieved and representation across all areas of the county and stakeholder groups will be assured. Any changes to the Bylaws will be brought to the BOS for review and approval before taking effect.

In addition to rewriting the Bylaws, the new Bureau Chief and the Chair of the Council have been reviewing the ACOA mission statement and mandated responsibilities under the Older Americans Act, the functions of the Council, and the current work group structure. They have also developed and filed their 2015 Triennial Report with the Clerk of the Board's Office (COB). (See **Attachment 3**.) They have reviewed past work products and have discussed a plan for recruiting and using a newly structured Council. Key to the success of a revamped ACOA will be regular staff assistance for the Council; the Bureau Chief and EHS Department Head are currently considering their options for addressing this need. EHS's goal is to support the Advisory Council in recruiting members, helping them get their work plan accomplished, and being compliant with Brown Act and Better Government requirements for holding open meetings and soliciting public input.

- **Agricultural (Ag) Task Force:** When this matter was initially before the IOC in 2015, the Ag Task Force had not met regularly and the Triennial Review Report on the Task Force had not been submitted by either the Department Head or the Task Force Chair. Because a new Department Head had recently been named, the IOC determined that this matter should return to the committee in 2016, after the new Department Head had time to review the situation and develop recommendations for how best to seek advisory input from residents and county-located agri-businesses.

Since that time, the Department Head has reviewed the background, history and work of the Task Force and has prepared a draft proposal designed to re-energize and modernize the body's efforts. The draft includes a revised mission statement and work program, delineation of powers, duties, membership, meeting plan and staffing. A copy of this draft is attached for Committee review and direction (**Attachment 1**); the Department Head will be present for the IOC meeting.

- **Commission for Women:** When this matter was reviewed by the IOC in 2015, the primary issues to be resolved concerned the size of the membership and whether or not there would be additional staff support provided. A determination was made not to approve additional staff support for the body.

On the matter of membership, the determination was made to reduce the number of members to a total of 20 seats (one from each supervisorial district, 15 At-Large appointees and one alternate). The Bylaws have been rewritten to reflect this change; review is currently underway in the CAO and County Counsel offices. As soon as this review is complete, the Bylaws will be submitted to the BOS for consideration.

- **Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) :** The IOC asked the CAO to work with the EMCC and staff from the Health Services Department to review the EMCC's charge, work plans and Bylaws to ensure that they were not venturing beyond their advisory level duties and authority. That work has been done and the following has taken place:
 - The Bylaws were modernized and rewritten, with County Counsel assistance, approved by the EMCC in December, 2015 and approved by the BOS on January 5, 2016, to become effective March 2016;
 - The number of members was decreased by removing alternates for seats;
 - The number of officers was downsized to be more consistent with the structure of other county advisory committees;
 - Duties and the charge were more clearly delineated, to make sure that the body operates in an advisory fashion.

• **Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board and the Hazardous Materials**

Commission: When this matter was before the IOC in 2015, the Supervisors asked the Health Services Department to consider whether or not there was enough overlap in mission, charge, duties and work plan to merge the Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board and the Hazardous Materials Commission. After review, the Health Services Department found that the Hazardous Materials Commission has an active and vigorous membership and a full range of duties that would not fit in well with the work of the Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board; they recommended no merger of the two bodies.

On the other hand, the Department believes that the Public and Environmental Health Advisory Body would benefit from restructuring. They have been considering how best to modernize this committee, but do not yet have a draft proposal for the IOC to consider. They are requesting an additional 60 days to complete their review and to prepare a response to the IOC.

- **Library Commission:** When this matter was reviewed by the IOC in 2015, the County Librarian was very newly appointed and not able to provide much information about the work of the Commission. The previous Librarian had not completed the 2015 Triennial Review documents nor had the Library Commission submitted review materials to the Clerk of the Board's (CoB) office. The Supervisors directed the newly appointed County Librarian, who is also staff to the Commission, to complete the Triennial Review documents and prepare a status report on the Commission and its work for the IOC. The review (**Attachment 4**) was submitted to the CoB's Office in January 2016 and is on public file there.

The Library Commission was created by resolutions from the BOS and the Mayor's Conference in March, 1991. It has been reauthorized periodically since that time; it will automatically sunset on June 30, 2016 unless it is reauthorized.

The Commission consists of 29 members and 29 alternates. Each BOS office and each of the 19 cities in the county appoints one member and one alternate. In addition there are "special representative" members who are appointed by the Superintendent of Schools, the Contra Costa Central Labor Council, the Contra Costa Council, the Friends' Council or the Contra Costa Community College District. The charge to the body is to provide advice to the BOS and the County Librarian. According to the report from the County Librarian, their primary work and outputs during the time she has worked with them has been to advocate for State funding (with BOS approval), share reports and information with other Commission members that are specific to their local communities on library activities, and provide a sounding board to county library staff.

The County Librarian is recommending that the body be allowed to automatically sunset on June 30, 2016 or rewrite the Commission bylaws to reduce the size of the membership and/or the frequency of the meetings and restructure their charge/duties. The reasons for the recommendations include the following:

- The large size of the membership and alternates has made it extremely difficult to recruit and keep seats filled;
- Also due to the large size of the membership, it has been very difficult for the Commission to develop a work plan and complete work projects; and
- Many of the current members serve on their local Friends groups in addition to being an appointed member of the Commission, so their advocacy and volunteer efforts have other established avenues to positively affect literacy efforts and library programs throughout the county.

The County Librarian has shared these recommendations with the Library Commission and the City Managers. The City Managers have not taken a formal position on the recommendations and have scheduled the County Librarian to make a presentation to the April Public Manager's Meeting to discuss the review.

The County Librarian and members of the Commission will be present at the IOC meeting.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

1. Accept follow-up report on questions and information previously requested by the IOC.
2. Maintain the Airport Land Use Commission and Aviation Advisory Committee as separate bodies.
3. Approve for Board of Supervisors consideration the revised mission statement and work program, delineation of powers, duties, membership, meeting plan and staffing for the Agricultural Task Force.
4. Maintain the Hazardous Materials Commission and the Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board (PEHAB) as separate bodies and direct the Health Services Department to report back to the IOC in 60 days with recommendations for revitalizing the PEHAB.
5. Allow the Library Commission to sunset, as scheduled, on June 30, 2016, or rewrite the Commission bylaws to reduce the size of the membership and/or the frequency of the meetings and restructure their charge/duties.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

None. This is an information report.

Agenda Attachments

Attachment 1: Agricultural Task Force Follow-up Report

Attachment 2: Economic Opportunity Council Follow-up Report

Attachment 3: Advisory Council on Aging Follow-up Report

Attachment 4: Library Commission Triennial Review Survey

Minutes Attachments

Public Comment

2016 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY TASK FORCE

MISSION AND WORK PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

Contra Costa County has undergone a transition from predominantly rural to become more suburban over the past 50 years. The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors created an Agricultural Core zone to preserve the best growing soils located in the Eastern portion of the County. In addition, when the voters passed transportation expenditure plans (Measure C and Measure J), they included growth limits including a requirement that 65% of the land in Contra Costa County be preserved as open space and later added an Urban Limit Line policy to further direct growth into the urban centers. Growth has effectively been limited to no more than 35% of the County.

Due to the flexibility and innovativeness of local farmers and ranchers, the Contra Costa agricultural industry continues to play an important and vital role in the local economy. The success of Contra Costa's agricultural industry requires producers to adapt to constantly changing environmental, economic, political and social conditions, creating unanticipated needs and opportunities within the agricultural community.

PURPOSE:

The Board of Supervisors, which has a long-standing commitment to supporting and promoting agriculture, seeks to assist farmers and ranchers by addressing emerging agricultural issues. For this reason, the Contra Costa County Agricultural Advisory Task Force is being reestablished to provide a forum for people and organizations that have an interest in agriculture. The mission of the Task Force is to advise and provide recommendations to the Board on matters that relate to preserving and promoting agriculture in Contra Costa County. In doing so, the Task Force will also provide a forum to support the exchange of information and ideas, advocate for projects, resolve disagreements, foster consensus and build relationships within the agricultural and ranching community.

Powers and duties

The committee shall:

1. Provide leadership and direction in formulating policies relevant to preserving and promoting agriculture, and advise the planning commission and the board of supervisors on applicable planning, zoning, and other land-use issues.
2. Make recommendations to enhance the economic viability of agriculture and to minimize undesirable environmental impacts

3. Provide active participation and leadership to develop a plan to further preserve, enhance and promote agriculture in Contra Costa County.
4. Participate periodically in the review of Contra Costa County's guidelines for the Williamson Act
5. Report to the Board of Supervisors and other bodies, as appropriate, on effects of proposed local, state and federal legislation affecting agricultural resources
6. Advise and work with city, county, district governments, special interest groups, and individuals concerning conflicts between agriculture, urban development and environmental quality
7. Advise and work with city, county, state, federal, special interest groups, individuals, and other entities and district governments concerning Agricultural preservation funding opportunities.
8. Advise County departments on the impact of programs affecting preserving and promoting agriculture in Contra Costa County.
9. Determine the committee's work schedule, procedures, budget and work products; and adopt rules for the administration of this chapter

Membership

In order to ensure that the Task Force represents each region of the County, one seat representing each of the five county districts shall be filled by a member nominated by each Supervisor. Those appointed shall be technical representatives of their profession or field, and advocates for preserving and promoting agriculture in Contra Costa County. They shall demonstrate expertise by their active involvement in agriculture, professional association and/or academic achievement. They shall be able and committed to meet regularly and should be able to communicate effectively with interested members of the public.

In addition, a seat shall be provided to a representative of the Contra Costa County Farm Bureau that is nominated by the Bureau and representatives of Harvest Time and the Cattlemen's Association that is nominated by their membership. These organizations shall submit the names of their selected representative to the Board for approval.

Although it is expected that appointments for these positions will represent the variety of agricultural interests within the County, if the need arises for additional appointments, other experts may be recommended by the Agricultural Advisory Task Force at any time to the Board of Supervisors to become seated members.

Ex officio members shall be the following persons:

1. Contra Costa County Agricultural Commissioner (or designee)

2. Contra Costa County Director of Conservation and Development (or designee)
3. A representative of the University of California Cooperative Extension nominated by the Cooperative Extension office
4. A representative of the Resource Conservation District nominated by the District

Proposed Timeline for Seating Members, Appointment Term and Terms of Regular Members

The Board of Supervisors shall appoint the regular members. The proposed timeline, which allows approximately two months to advertise the openings, accept nominations, and schedule appointments for the Board's agenda, is as follows:

- Advertise positions (TBD)
- Accept nominations (TBD)
- Board Appointments (TBD)
- First Task Force Meeting (TBD)

Appointed members of the Agricultural Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors and shall have terms of three years. No regular member shall serve more than two terms in succession. A regular member shall remain on the committee following expiration of the term being served until he or she is reappointed to a successive term or until a successor is appointed. The Board of Supervisors shall fill any vacancy on the committee, and may utilize the committee to screen the applicants' qualifications. The person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of the person he or she succeeds.

Ex officio members and the two seats nominated by industry groups will serve at will in two year terms as long as they represent the entity that selected them to serve as ex officio members of the committee and are willing and able to act as members.

Officers

The committee shall select the following officers from its membership:

1. A chairperson selected from the regular members who shall be responsible for the conduct of all meetings and the calling of special meetings, and who shall be the official representative of the committee except when a representative is otherwise designated
2. A vice-chairperson selected from the regular members who shall serve in the absence of the chairperson, and who shall succeed to the office of chairperson if that office falls vacant before the term is expired

3. A secretary selected from the ex officio members who shall be appointed by the chairperson subject to confirmation by the committee. The secretary shall maintain all records and conduct correspondence of the committee, prepare agendas and give notice of meetings and shall certify all official documents and resolutions of the committee
4. Selection of officers shall be held at the first regular scheduled meeting of the committee and annually thereafter.

Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the regular positions that are filled. A quorum must be present for the committee to take any action.

Meetings

Meetings of the committee shall be held as follows:

1. Regular meetings shall be held two times per year at a minimum, pursuant to a schedule of dates, times and places determined at the first meeting of the committee
2. Additional meetings may be called by the Board of Supervisors, the chairperson or by a voting quorum of members. Meetings shall only be scheduled with seventy-two (72) hours written notice of the time and place and business to be conducted
3. All meetings shall be conducted in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.)
4. Subcommittees of committee members may be established as necessary by the chairperson

Staffing

The Department of Agriculture will provide primary staffing to accomplish the work of the committee as outlined in a budget approved by the Board of Supervisors. The committee may make recommendations to staff and the Board of Supervisors to hire consultants as required.

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the EOC regarding their oversight of the CSB funding, which has resulted in these notable changes, there continues to be unrest with a few of the members as to what can be classified as administrative costs vs. program costs. Despite several conversations with the State and an abundance of clarifying materials presented to the EOC fiscal sub-committee, questions persisted and continued to hinder the important work of ameliorating poverty in the County.

On Saturday, March 5, Board training was held to address these concerns and to provide a comprehensive board orientation. We were honored to have the Executive Director of CalCAPA, John Heath, and the Deputy Director of the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD), Sylvania Britt as our esteemed trainers. The training validated the various methodologies and rationales used in developing the CSBG budget and both trainers indicated that the CSB budget has been and remains sound. The trainers emphasized the advisory role of the EOC and presented a slide that read, *“As you function in your Public Community Action Advisory Board role, remember that your role requires you to master the gentle push. You recommend, you suggest and you advise. Although you do not have the same extent of responsibility as your Private counterparts, your role is just as important and you can be a great voice for those fighting their way out of poverty”*.

While our work was praised and validated as a whole, there was reference to a core governance document that is required in order for a public agency to receive CSBG funds: A Joint Power Authority or JPA; which delineates the role of the board vs. the role of the EOC. CSB has conducted a thorough search of its archives and has asked the state to do the same. The state (CSD) only retains records for 7 years and also lost many historical documents when a server migration failed. CSB has been working with County Counsel, the CAOs office, and the Clerk of the Board to try to find this document and they are still searching.

It should be noted that the 2016 budget was approved by the state and formed the basis of the current CSBG contract for 2016. We continue to be proud of the work we do in the community and are committed to working collaboratively with the EOC as the CSBG advisory body moving forward.



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Date: March 21, 2016

From: Kathy Gallagher, EHSD Director
Victoria Tolbert, AAS Director

Subject: Report on Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council

At the request of the IOC, please see the attached reports from the Aging and Adult Services Bureau. The first document is a report on the statutory structure of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council with the current status of their responsibilities. The second document is the Annual Report of the Council activities and accomplishments for the 2015 year.

The Advisory Council is in the process of re-evaluating their By-Laws in regard to membership and attendance. They are working with County Counsel to effect some changes that will enable the Council to better meet their quorum requirements. Any changes to the By-Laws will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Older Americans Act: Title III Regulation provides for the specific mandated responsibilities of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council as follows:

Sec. 1321.57 - Area Agency Advisory Council.

(a) Functions of council. The area agency shall establish an advisory council. The council shall carry out advisory functions which further the area agency's mission of developing and coordinating community-based systems of services for all older persons in the planning and service area. The council shall advise the agency relative to:

ACOA Mission Statement:

The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging facilitates countywide planning, cooperation and coordination for individuals and groups interested in improving and developing services and opportunities for older residents of the County. The Council provides leadership and advocacy on behalf of older persons and serves as a channel of communication and information on aging issues. The Council, whose members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, is advisory to the Board of Supervisors and to the Area Agency on Aging.

DEVELOPING AND ADMINISTERING THE AREA PLAN;

REVIEW BY ADVISORY COUNCIL. THE AREA AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT THE AREA PLAN AND AMENDMENTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL BEFORE IT IS TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE AGENCY FOR APPROVAL.

The activities of the ACOA in the development and administration of the Area Plan include early plan development including review of the data collection tool for the Needs Assessment, distribution of the needs assessment instrument in their districts. The AAA staff prepares the needs assessment data and begins the process of setting priorities and targeting. The ACOA reviews the AAA recommendations at a public hearing on the Area Plan. Further the ACOA sets priorities for subcommittee work based on the targets identified in the Needs assessment and area plan.

CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEARINGS;

The ACOA continues to conduct public hearings on the acceptance of the area plan, area plan amendments and funding recommendations set forth by the Area Agency on Aging. Mandated by the OAA, these hearings are to insure that the process of setting priorities for the AAA, the selection of community projects and the funding allocations is transparent to the older adult community and interested stakeholders.

REPRESENTING THE INTEREST OF OLDER PERSONS

The other activities conducted by the ACOA include legislative review in conjuncture with our three California Senior Legislature Representatives (2- Senior Assembly Members; 1-Senior Senator). In February of 2016 the Council voted and the ACOA President did appoint a replacement to fill a vacancy when a Senior Assembly Member had resigned in the fall of 2015.

- a. As appointees of their regions the bring the interests of seniors to the Advisory Council, including issues of transportation, housing, poverty , health care, elder abuse and others.
- b. Legislative Work Group**
 - Letters written in support of:
 - AB 139 Non-Probate Transfer – Revocable Transfer
 - AB 441 ID Theft Seniors over 65
 - AB 563 Developmental Services
 - AB 1235 Long Term Care – Home Keep Allowance
 - AB 1335 Homes and Jobs Act
 - ACR 71 Elder Abuse & Vulnerability Awareness Month (CSL)
 - Oppose Senate Appropriations Committee’s proposed 42% cut in funding for State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs)

REVIEWING AND COMMENTING ON ALL COMMUNITY POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND ACTIONS WHICH AFFECT OLDER PERSONS WITH THE INTENT OF ASSURING MAXIMUM COORDINATION AND RESPONSIVENESS TO OLDER PERSONS.

a) Transportation Workgroup

- Organized, developed, and implemented Mobility Challenges event at John Muir with 18 active SMAC Members involving the collaboration of 12 agencies.
- Launched and significantly contributed to the update of “Way to Go Contra Costa.”
- Attended Senior Rally Day and advocated for Senior Transportation.
- Attended CCC Board of Supervisors’ Meeting and advocated for the approval of the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee’s Report, on the development of an expenditure plan for a potential new transportation sales tax, citing the need for infrastructure development of an integrated plan that breaks down transportation silos and meets the growing transportation need through Mobility Management and agency coordination. The staff report recommends additional funds to support better coordination and accessible services for senior and disabled transportation.
- Increased DMV Senior Ombudsman program awareness.
- Launched SMAC newsletter.

b) Housing Workgroup

Work Group members began the year with high hopes for finally constituting a consistent Work Group membership. The April meeting was sparsely attended but the May meeting provided us with a better start. At this meeting members entertained a guest speaker who attracted more attendees. At the May meeting, a core membership was established that continued on with the work group for the remainder of the 2015 meetings schedule. The Council's Housing Work Group recently reformed and is studying the housing needs experienced by Contra Costa seniors and is making efforts to participate in support of local area planning for affordable senior housing projects.

c) Health Workgroup

The Council's Health Work Group studies and advocates on health related topics and brings together the combined talents of many local medical professionals or organizations that serve our Contra Costa seniors. The Health Work Group has met with American Medical Response, and County EMS management to discuss the establishment of an appeals process and the appropriate coding of emergency transportation services. They have also completed successful campaigns to raise awareness or emphasize the importance of public networks that respond to STEMI heart attack and stroke. The Council has participated in the recommendation for and placement of defibrillator devices and public signage in public buildings. Currently, the Health Work Group is working on a public education campaign and is developing a poster to call attention to the importance of vaccinations that protect seniors in their elder years.

California Statement of Economic Interest

To insure compliance with the completion of the Statement of Economic Interest, AAA staff provided training to the ACOA on the completion of form 700 on April 17, 2016.

Bylaws Revisions and Proposal for Modification of the Advisory Board Membership

ACOA Bylaws were amended to insure compliance with acceptable guidelines of conduct. Modifications included changes in the quorum rules to comply with the Brown Act and best assure the uninterrupted work of the commission. Further corrections and clarifications were made in regard to membership status, excusable absences and the process for removal or replacement of a non- active commissioner. These changes have been reviewed by county counsel and we await completion of proposed changes to modify the board membership.

Advisory Body has two ongoing issues regarding membership, they include;

- 40 authorized seats which have historically not been filled even though outreach and recruitment is ongoing, thereby creating issues with a quorum.

- Over-representation of members from Central county
- Under representation of members from East County.

The following solutions are proposed.

1. Reduce the number of Authorized members from 40 to 30.
2. Convert member assignments to ad-hoc positions that are representative of the elder population density in each region as shown in the demographic information below.
3. Rebalancing of the members will be achieved over time through attrition
4. Agencies currently appointing members will be added to a Stakeholders list and will be notified as a group when appointments become available in their region. The application process will stand, with ratification of recommendations for appointments conducted by the membership committee.

Membership by Demographics

205,538 residents aged 60+

West County – 48,144 = 23%

Central County – 108,132 = 53%

East County – 49,232 = 24%

Suggested Authorized ACOA Membership – 30 Members, including 1 Nutrition

West County – 8 member's current

Goal – 23% of 30 members = 7 members

Central County – 19 member's current

Goal – 53% of 30 Members = 16 members

East County – 5 member's current

Goal – 24% of 30 Members = 7 members

ACOA will forward final recommended language after March 16th discussion for review by county counsel and presentation to the BOS for acceptance.

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Advisory Council on Aging

Officers:

- Gerald Richards – 1st Term
- Gail Garrett, First Vice President – 1st Term
- Richard Nahm, Second Vice President – 1st Term
- Ron Tervelt, Secretary – 1st Term
- Ella Jones, Treasurer – 1st Term

Current Roster of Members as of December 1, 2015:

Juliana Boyle
Mary Bruns
Deborah Card
Nina Clark
Joseph C. Doherty
Jennifer Doran
Mary Dunne Rose
Rudy Fernandez
Susan Frederick
Dorothy Gantt
Gail Garrett
Ella Jones
David Joslin
Keith Katzman
Arthur Kee
Joanna Kim-Selby

Shirley Krohn
Robert Leasure
Paul Mikolaj
Teri Mountford
Richard Nahm
Nuru Neemuchwalla
Earle Ormiston
Gerald Richards
Sheri Richards
Richard San Vicente
Ron Tervelt
Lorna Van Ackeren
Patricia Welty
Jeffrey Wiess
Janelle Williams
Rita Xavier

Advisory Council Objectives

The Council shall provide a means for countywide planning, cooperation and coordination for individuals and groups interested in improving and developing services and opportunities for older residents of this county. The Council provides leadership and advocacy on behalf of older persons and serves as a channel of communication and information on aging issues.

The Council advises each: the Area Agency on Aging on the development of its Area Plan, the Bureau of Aging and Adult Services, Employment and Human Services and the Board of Supervisors. The Area Agency on Aging Area Plan is based on unmet needs and priorities experienced by older persons, as determined by assessments and input from the senior network throughout the County.

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The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) advises the Area Agency on Aging in all matters related to the development and administration of senior programs in accordance with the mandates of the Older Americans Act. The Council is composed of 40 authorized member seats appointed by the Board of Supervisors in partnership with local cities and Commissions on Aging, the ACOA Membership Committee, and a designated advisory group – the Nutrition Council. A majority of the ACOA must be age 60 or older. Members represent the geographic, economic, capacity, cultural, sexual orientation, and ethnic diversity of the County.

The ACOA has been active in many areas. In 2015 the most successful activity occurred in May when, with the help of Supervisor John Gioia's staff member Joan Carpenter, two buses were chartered to bus seniors to Sacramento for Senior Rally Day sponsored by the California Senior Legislature. As a result of the busing action, Contra Costa County had the largest number of attendees. Our Transportation Work Group, operating as the Mobility Action Council with membership from transit companies and other community transportation representatives, has begun to issue a transportation-related newsletter for the public and participate in workshops for the general public.

The ACOA and indeed, the Area Agency on Aging, have been hampered in their activities throughout most of 2015 with a lack of leadership and a shortage of staff support for our committees and work groups. This shortage has resulted in numerous complaints to me by committee and work group chairs. Minutes have been spotty from lack of professional staff to take minutes and agendas and other materials have been late. One of the ACOA monthly meetings had to be cancelled at the last minute when staff missed the County requirement of 96 hours advanced public notice. This occurred when a key staff member was in a very serious traffic accident that put her in the hospital for a week and off work for nearly two months. At the same time, two of the other three staff members were on vacation. In my view, lack of leadership allowed that to occur. The Aging and Adult Service Bureau now has a new Director and I believe she will build an outstanding Bureau for the County again, if given the promised support from the County.

We continue to have about six vacancies of Council members in 2015. Our bylaws changes have been approved by the County Council. They include a quorum requirement of a majority of the authorized seats and, with a consistent shortage of six or seven members. We usually scramble to meet the quorum requirement. Our new Bureau Director and I are considering solutions for that issue for 2016.

Gerald Richards, M.S.E. & J.D.

Executive Committee Chair

Advisory Council on Aging President

CURRENT PLANNING COMMITTEE ROSTER

- Debbie Card
- Susan Frederick
- Arthur Kee
- Ron Tervelt
- Ella Jones (Chair)

ACTIVITIES

Monthly meeting to evaluate and listen to annual presentations from contractors approved to receive dollar contributions from County’s AAA plans and updates.

- Review annually contractor’s awarded by PSA 7
- Provide purview of discussion of presentations and report to Executive and Advisory Council on Aging members.

ACOMPLISHMENTS

Ongoing monthly meetings with contracted service providers, monitoring and making suggestions for implementation to improve services and better meet the needs of participants in regard to services provided within budget.

- To Deborah Card and Ron Tervelt. Scott Danielson is the county staff representative.
- 2016 Work Plan Group Goals

2016 WORK PLAN

In light of the rapidly expanding senior population the committee will diligently and closely work with AAA to monitor and insure the residents of CCC have adequate and appropriate services supplied by reputable and trustworthy contracted entities.

Ella Jones

Planning Committee, Chair
Advisory Council on Aging Secretary

MEMBERSHIP / NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ROSTER (INCLUDES NOMINATING)

- Susan Frederick District I
- Robert Leasure District II / Nominating
- Richard Nahm (Chair of Membership) District III
- Nuru Neemuchwalla District IV / Nominating
- Patsy Welty District V / Member at President’s Discretion
- Dorothy Gantt District I / Nominating
- Rudy Fernandez District III / Nominating
- David Joslin (Chair of Nominating) District V / Nominating

ACTIVITIES

- Monthly Meetings Membership Recruitment
- Attendance Reviews Appointments/Resignations
- Eligibility Reviews Report to Executive Committee

ACOMPLISHMENTS

The Council started the 2015 year with (8) seats vacant, down from (10) vacancies in 2014. As of this reporting, there are two MAL and six Local Committee Seats that remain vacant. The City of Oakley has selected a new Representative as county staff work toward finalizing her appointment. Seats representing Pinole, Concord, San Ramon, Pittsburg and Lafayette continue to remain vacant as these cities continue recruitment activities. During 2015 new representatives were welcomed from Danville, Pleasant Hill and Richmond.

To address the issue of vacancies, the Membership Committee has created a recruitment poster to be prominently displayed in senior centers, libraries and other public areas where seniors frequent. We are also considering the possibility of a PowerPoint presentation and Speaker.

Following a lengthy two-year review process, a revision of our Bylaws is near to completion. Efforts were made to reduce the complexity of sections reviewed. The definition of how a “quorum” should be calculated continues to impact the Council’s ability to convene its regular meetings. We are hopeful that the Board will grant the Advisory Council on Aging some relief in the near future.

2016 WORK PLAN

- Maintain a full Advisory Council on Aging membership
- Recruit a District V Representative on the Membership Committee
- Apply and track membership eligibility requirements
- Track attendance problems
- Continue Bylaws Reviews and Recommendations as Requested
- Report to the Executive Committee

Richard Nahm

Membership Committee Chair
Advisory Council on Aging 2nd Vice President

HOUSING WORK GROUP REPORT

January – December 2015

CURRENT HOUSING WORK GROUP ROSTER

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| ▪ Ella Jones | ▪ Joan Carpenter |
| ▪ Paul Mikolaj | ▪ DebbieToth |
| ▪ Teri Mountford | ▪ Verna Hass |
| ▪ Gerald Richards (Chair) | |

ACTIVITIES

- Monthly Meetings
- Educational Presentations

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Work Group members began the year with high hopes for finally constituting a consistent Work Group membership. The April meeting was sparsely attended but the May meeting provided us with a better start. At this meeting members entertained a guest speaker who attracted more attendees. At the May meeting, a core membership was established that continued on with the work group for the remainder of the 2015 meetings schedule.

2016 WORK PLAN

We set no specific goals this year but decided to focus on bringing in experts and knowledgeable people to educate the Work Group members on various aspects of the Housing issues facing the Nation and Contra Costa County. The ultimate objective we chose is to find the primary Housing Issues for which our advocacy might have an impact.

My assessment is that the work group members made progress and should find that by the end of 2016 we should be sufficiently educated to begin our advocacy work.

Gerald Richards

Housing Work Group Chair
Advisory Council on Aging President

HEALTH WORK GROUP REPORT

January – December 2015

CURRENT HEALTH WORK GROUP ROSTER

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| ▪ Jennifer Doran | ▪ Joanna Kim-Selby | ▪ Sheri Richards |
| ▪ Susan Frederick | ▪ Dr. Robert Leasure | ▪ Jan Howe |
| ▪ Ella Jones | ▪ Paul Mikolaj | |
| ▪ David Joslin | ▪ Nuru Neemuchwalla | |

ACTIVITIES

- Regular Monthly Meetings
- Educational Presentations
- Advise and educate the community on issues impacting the health of older adults.
- Track and support legislation that improves older adult and healthcare delivery systems.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2015 the Health Work Group conducted informative presentations and has interviewed community leaders including, Nancy O'Keefe, State Certified Long Term Care Ombudsman; Alayne Balke, Fall Prevention Program manager; MOW Senior Outreach Services; Mary Ellen Taylor, FDA; Pauline Mosher, Program Manager California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR). As well as regular reporting from Work Group members on AARP, Legislative updates, CARA, CANHR, CPAW and mental health issues of older adults.

Members completed their work with American Medical Response (AMR) and Contra Costa County Emergency Services to include in the new contract for ambulance services, an adequate consumer appeals process.

2016 WORK PLAN - GROUP GOALS

- Monitor and advocate for all legislative efforts regarding geriatric health issues especially issues concerning long term care.
- Explore the development and distribution of educational material on recommended vaccines for seniors.
- Mental Health: Identify unmet mental health needs of the elder population and provide exchange for shared advocacy with other mental health departments and centers.
- Identify issues as the year progresses and define appropriate action plans.

Susan Frederick

Health Work Group Chair

CURRENT LEGISLATIVE WORK GROUP ROSTER

- Shirley Krohn (Co-Chair)
- Joanna Kim-Selby (Co-Chair)
- Mary Dunn-Rose
- David Joslin
- Juliana Boyle
- Dr. Robert Leasure
- Gerald Richards
- Jeffrey Weiss

ACTIVITIES

- Monthly meetings from January to August (meetings recessed SEP-DEC), 4th Wednesday of each month.
- Members identify state & federal bills they would like to follow; they research the backgrounds of each proposal and write letters of support or opposition. They may simply recommend that fellow members continue to watch without action as the bills develop.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Letters written in support of:
 - AB 139 Non-Probate Transfer – Revocable Transfer
 - AB 441 ID Theft Seniors over 65
 - AB 563 Developmental Services
 - AB 1235 Long Term Care – Home Keep Allowance
 - AB 1335 Homes and Jobs Act
 - ACR 71 Elder Abuse & Vulnerability Awareness Month (CSL)
 - Oppose Senate Appropriations Committee’s proposed 42% cut in funding for State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs)

2016 WORK PLAN - GROUP GOALS

- Review Top 10 State and Top 4 federal proposals submitted by the California Senior Legislature. Review legislation authored or identified by other agencies to watch and support as appropriate. Work Group members will “adopt” legislation, meaning that they will do the research and make recommendations to group on whether to support, oppose or watch.

Shirley Krohn / Joanna Kim-Selby
Legislative Advocacy Work Group Co-Chairs

TRANSPORTATION WORK GROUP

CURRENT TRANSPORTATION WORK GROUP ROSTER

- Tighe Boyle
- Elaine Clark
- Elaine Welch
- Leslie Young
- Debbie Toth
- Rosemary Robles
- Rita Xavier
- Keith Katzman
- Scott Danielson
- Peter Engel
- Ken Gray
- Linda Groobin
- Dollene Jone
- Ray Zenoni
- Mary Bruns
- Ralph Hoffmann
- Edi Birsan
- Nina Clark
- MacKenzie Garcia
- Vicky Voicehowsky
- Jeff Weiss

ACTIVITIES

- Monthly meetings

- Advocacy for transportation for older adults

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Organized, developed, and implemented Mobility Challenges event at John Muir with 18 active SMAC Members involving the collaboration of 12 agencies.
- Launched and significantly contributed to the update of “Way to Go Contra Costa.”
- Attended Senior Rally Day and advocated for Senior Transportation.
- Attended CCC Board of Supervisors’ Meeting and advocated for the approval of the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee’s Report, on the development of an expenditure plan for a potential new transportation sales tax, citing the need for infrastructure development of an integrated plan that breaks down transportation silos and meets the growing transportation need through Mobility Management and agency coordination. The staff report recommends additional funds to support better coordination and accessible services for senior and disabled transportation.
- Increased DMV Senior Ombudsman program awareness.
- Launched SMAC newsletter.

2016 WORK PLAN - GROUP GOALS

- Continuation of 2015 goals: advocate, support & outreach in the following areas:
 - Mobility Management
 - City-based Transportation
 - Volunteerism in senior transportation
 - Senior Mobility Legislation
 - Conferences, Workshops, and Committees
 - Pedestrian Safety
- Continue to publish SMAC newsletter.
- Educate Older and Disabled Adults about Measure J expansion/reauthorization.
- Support the developing event aimed at education and advocacy: to teach people how to effectively advocate on local and state levels for senior transportation issues.
- Mobility Management – Distribute the new “Way to Go, Contra Costa” and post it on the SMAC page of the ACOA website.
- Support CSL endeavors.
- Create an education piece on transportation issues for distribution at senior resource fairs throughout the year.
- Support project engaging JFK University students in researching the cost of aging in Contra Costa County. Develop talking points for more effective advocacy.

Mary Bruns

Transportation Work Group Chair

Senior Mobility Action Council (Otherwise Known As: Senior Mobility Action Council)

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

January – December, 2015

ACTIVITIES

- Deliver delicious and nutritious meals for homebound seniors
- Contra Costa cafes, provide healthy meals and safe, friendly opportunities for older adults to socialize with others who have similar interests
- Deliver hope to Contra Costa’s older adult population

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Senior Nutrition Program and its companion agency Home Delivered Meals, has delivered healthy meals to Contra Costa seniors for 40 plus years. The program serves adults with AIDS and those who have a disability, allowing them to

live independently, well into their 70's 80's and 90's. Contra Costa County menus exceed the Department of Aging and Title VII USDA recommendations.

The frozen meals delivery truck has been delivered. More meals can be delivered to homebound elders on certain routes where there are not enough daily volunteer drivers. Each client will be delivered seven frozen meals to ensure they will have nutrition every day. The clients like the idea as they will have a choice what they would like to eat each day. There is no waiting list.

The Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa, Inc. has updated the website in order to reach out to more donors. Meal on Wheels of Contra Costa, Inc. hosted a Volunteer Appreciation event, Saturday, February 15, 2015 at the Walnut Creek Library.

Meals on Wheels of Contra Costs, Inc. hosted a fundraiser to celebrate our 50th anniversary September, 24, 2015. Many vendors, wineries and restaurants donated great items to auction and eat and drink.

2016 WORK PLAN

- Increase participation in all Contra Costa cafes
- Increase awareness of socialization benefits of participation
- Raise awareness of cafe sites
- Recruit volunteer drivers to serve homebound elders

Gail Garrett

Nutrition Council President

Advisory Council on Aging Representative

Outreach & Education Work Group

January – December, 2015

2015 UPDATE

The Outreach & Education Work Group did not meet formally in 2015. The Chair, working with a staff representative from the Contra Costa Area Agency on Aging had attempted to coordinate an additional community presentation to continue education and preparedness among older adults when disaster strikes.

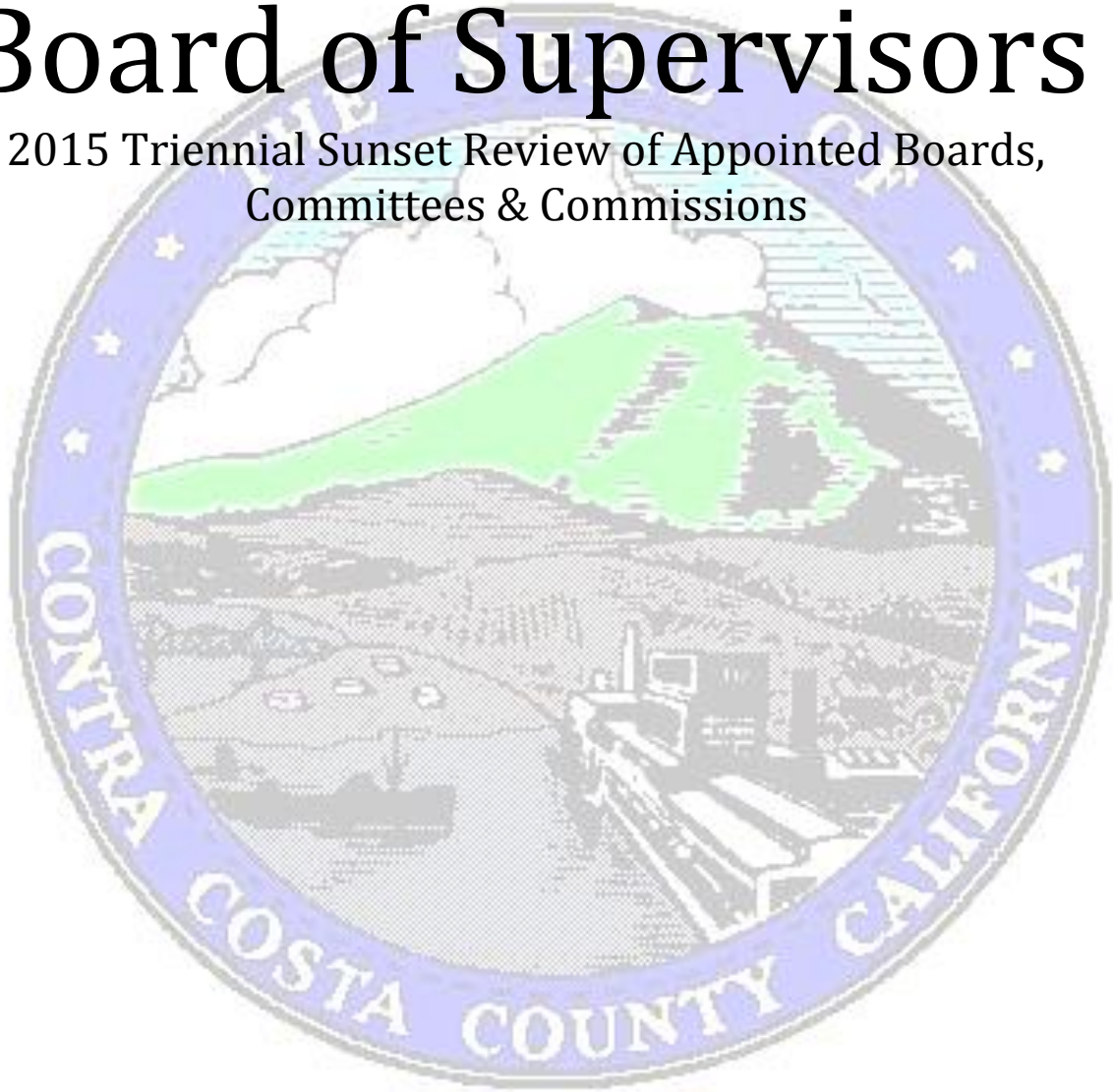
Earle Ormiston

Outreach & Education Chair

Senior Mobility Action Council

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

2015 Triennial Sunset Review of Appointed Boards,
Committees & Commissions



INTRODUCTION

Contra Costa County is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors elected by the citizens of our County. The work of the Board of Supervisors is augmented by various advisory boards, committees, or commissions, comprised of citizens who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. These appointed bodies are formed to provide support and citizen input by making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on various issues (such as service delivery problems or community needs). County committees are created as a result of State and Federal legislation, contractual agreements with other public agencies, or in response to specific community needs. These citizens' advisory bodies serve as direct links between the Board of Supervisors and our community, expand forums for communication between the public and County government, and enhance the quality of life for our residents.

SUMMARY OF THE TRIENNIAL SUNSET REVIEW PROCESS

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors adopted **Resolution No. 2012/261** on June 26, 2012 establishing a "triennial sunset review process" for most County boards, committees and commissions whose members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each year the Clerk of the Board will schedule one-third of these committees for review by the County Administrator's Office and the Internal Operations Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

The purpose of the triennial sunset review is to provide the Board of Supervisors with a method to periodically evaluate the ongoing purpose, performance and effectiveness of the advisory committees. For additional information about the review procedure, please refer to Resolution 2012/261 of June 26, 2012, and to the Advisory Body Handbook.

SUBMISSION OF THE TRIENNIAL SUNSET REVIEW REPORT

The triennial sunset review report (to be completed using this questionnaire) must be signed by the advisory body chairperson and by the County staff person currently serving as liaison to the committee. The completed and signed questionnaire should be submitted, along with the additional materials listed below, to:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Attn: Advisory Body Sunset Review
651 Pine Street, Rm. 106
Martinez, CA 94553**

List of materials to include with Triennial Sunset Review report:

1. Copies of the advisory body meeting agendas and minutes from the last 12 meetings.
2. A copy of the advisory body bylaws that are currently in effect.
3. A copy of the most recent Annual Report that was submitted to the Board of Supervisors.
4. A brief, informal statement of the advisory committee's overall priorities, recent efforts, and current focus; and,
5. A recommendation, *from the Department Head that oversees the committee*, whether to continue or discontinue the committee, as well as recommendations, *from the County staff or Department Head*, concerning any changes to the committee that might increase its effectiveness or impact.

**Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
Advisory Body
Triennial Sunset Review**

I. Advisory Body Contact Information

Contra Costa County Library Commission

a. Name of Advisory Body (i.e. Committee, Commission or Board)

Rodger Lum

b. Name of Advisory Body Chairperson

Jessica Hudson

c. Name of Advisory Body Staff

1750 Oak Park Blvd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

d. Staff Business Address

925-646-6423

e. Staff Telephone Number

JHudson@ccclib.org

f. Staff E-mail Address

<http://guides.ccclib.org/Commission>

g. Advisory Body Website Address, if applicable, if not, write "N/A".

II. Advisory Body History and Meeting Events

Please provide the following information:

a. Number of advisory body members appointed in the last 36 months.

30

b. Number of advisory body members who resigned in the last 36 months.

30

c. Number of advisory body meetings scheduled in the last 36 months.

18

- d. **Number of advisory body meetings cancelled for lack of quorum in the last 36 months.**
0
- e. **Number of advisory body meetings cancelled for reason other than lack of quorum in the last 36 months.**
0
- f. **Number of advisory body meetings held in the last 36 months.**
18

III. Advisory Body Mission, Objectives, and Major Events

- a. **State the original purpose and responsibility of the advisory body.**
The Contra Costa County Library Commission was original established in March 1991 for a two year period and has been reauthorized by both the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor’s Conference for continuance. The original purpose and responsibility of the Commission is five part: 1) To serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian; 2) To provide a community linkage to the County Library; 3) To establish a forum for the community to express its views regarding the goals and operations of the County Library; 4) To assist the Board of Supervisors and County Librarian to provide library services based on assessed public need; and 5) To develop and recommend proposals to the Board of Supervisors and County Librarian for the betterment of the County Library including, but not limited to, such efforts as insuring a stable and adequate funding level for the libraries in the County.
- b. **Please describe any major changes to advisory body responsibility which have occurred over time, e.g. change in legal mandates or in the major activities that it has undertaken.**
There have been no major changes to the responsibilities of the Library Commission over time. The Library Commission is not legally mandated.
- c. **Identify the target population or communities served by the advisory body.**
The Library Commission serves as an advisory body to the County Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian. In that capacity, their target population is all current and regular library users, which encompasses the whole of the County excepting the City of Richmond which has its own municipal library.

- d. List regular and ongoing activities, services, and/or programs the advisory body provides to achieve its current mission. If applicable, also list one-time or special projects offered to achieve the mission.

The Library Commission achieves its mission through having six meetings per year, all of which are open to the public. The Library Commission receives presentations from Library staff on various projects and operations, so that Commissioners are aware of and able to ask questions regarding those projects and operations. The Library Commission meetings offer a public comment section to allow for open feedback and communication. Library Commissioners also frequently serve on community-specific Friends of the Library or Library Foundation groups, which helps strengthen the linkage between the communities and the County Library. In the past 36 months, the Library Commission has also hosted/participated in various Town Hall meetings to encourage community feedback on the Library's strategic planning process.

IV. Advisory Body Organization and Structure

- a. Please describe any staffing issues/challenges, i.e., vacancy rates, efforts to fill seats, member turnover, recruitment and retention efforts.

1) The Library Commission has one Library staff person that acts as liaison, secretary, etc for the Commission. The responsibilities for that position currently lie with a vacant position, and the Department Head has been the main staff person for the Commission for the past thirteen months.

2) With 29 seats and 24 appointing agencies (5 seats are through the Board of Supervisors and the remaining 24 are dividing between the 19 cities and the 5 special districts), there are often gaps in filled seats for different jurisdictions. Over the last 36 months, 30 Commissioners have either resigned during their term or have elected not to ask for another term. Over the last 36 months, 30 new Commissioners have been appointed, with 8 leaving during that same period of time. It can be difficult to keep up with vacancies and member turn over. For perspective, 16 Commissioners were Commissioners at the start of the period 36 months ago and still sit on the Commission.

- b. Please describe any changes or potential changes you could suggest in the committee's organization, structure, number of seats, qualifications, meeting schedule, or any other area that you believe might improve the Committee's performance.

The Library Commission is a large organization, with 29 Library Commissioner seats and 29 Alternate Commissioner seats. Although the Commission is not usually full, there are regularly 35-40 members present at meetings. The structure of the organization was set up to be provide 1:1 representation from the different Cities, Board jurisdictions and special organizations in the County but that may also give more seats to the "cities" than to the "county". The Library Commission meets every other month; some months there are multiple presentations to the Commission and some months less depending on topics of interest to the Commission. A concern for the Commission is its purpose; although the Commissioners complete their task well and with passion for libraries, there is not always much accomplished through the process that would not have already been accomplished at the local (Friends, Foundation) level. It would be Library staff's recommendation to look at either a sunset for the Commission or a reduction in the number of meetings held per year plus a reduction in the amount of seats on the Commission.

- c. What information is regularly presented to the advisory body members to keep them informed of the body's performance?

The Library Commission has several regular agenda items; approval of minutes, sharing of books, State Library Funding as well as "Items of Interest to the Commission". This last item allows the various Commissioners to speak about what is going on in their jurisdiction and to share successes that might be replicated in other locations. Yearly, the Commission also includes agenda items regarding their

annual report to the Board of Supervisors and their work plan for the coming calendar year.

- d. Are the advisory body current bylaws reflective of the body's current mission and purpose?
Yes but meeting topics/agenda could be matched up more concisely with the mission.**
- e. Do you recommend changes to the advisory body bylaws (e.g., adjustment to term length, required qualifications, number of meetings, or primary focus)? If yes, please state why?
No, Library staff does not recommend changes to the bylaws. The bylaws are an accurate representations of what the Board Order requires the Commission to complete.**
- f. Does the advisory body have a sufficient number of members to achieve its mission? Do you recommend an adjustment to the number of advisory body seats (an increase or decrease)?
The Advisory Board has a sufficient membership. Library staff would recommend a decrease in the advisory board seats to create a more flexible Commission.**
- g. If you recommend making an adjustment to the number of advisory body seats, please indicate which seats and why?
Library staff's first recommendation would be to sunset the Commission as their parts of their objective are being completed at the local level and other parts can be completed via the library sites themselves (ie, public input through the Library Administration email, the chat service, the 1-800 line, or the Ask email instead of just through the Library Commission email). Library staff's second recommendation would be to reduce seats assigned to the special districts, moving total seat count from 29 to 24. Staff see difficulty in reducing seats assigned to either the cities or the County, as each currently has one representative per jurisdiction (5 seats for the County, one per Board seat). Library staff would recommend removing the seat for the City of Richmond, as the County Library does not serve the City of Richmond. Another option is to look at removing alternate seats, as many meeting see both the Library Commissioner and the Alternate Library Commissioner attending.**
- h. If special requirements or prerequisites exist for members to serve on the advisory body, do you believe the requirements are important and necessary, or do they limit the recruitment of potential candidates?
There are no special requirements to serve on the Library Commission.**

Advisory Body Public Information Policies

- a. **How does the advisory body engage stakeholders and the general public about issues and programs within the body’s area of responsibility?**

The Library Commission posts its agenda and supplemental materials on the Commission’s website, at all library locations and copies of the agenda are sent to all city partners, the Clerk of the Board’s Office and various other locations for public consumption. Library Commission meetings are open the public, with a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Library Commissioners tend to also be Friends of the Library or Library Foundation members, outside of their Commission responsibilities.

- b. **How is stakeholder and public input incorporated into the advisory body’s mission and objectives? Please also describe any outreach efforts to encourage public participation in advisory body meetings and sponsored activities**

The Library Commission’s mission and objectives are set out in their bylaws. Bylaws have been reviewed and amended in 1992, 1999, and 2012. The Commission’s mission and purpose is based on the Board Order that created the Commission.

- c. **How far in advance of the meeting date does the advisory body post its meeting notice?**

Notices are required to be posted 96 hours in advance but tend to be posted one week in advance of the meeting. Full packet information is also posted on the Library Commission website one week in advance of the meeting.

- d. **Where are meeting notices posted (please note all locations)?**

Official posting locations are at the Pleasant Hill Library, Library Administration, the Walnut Creek Library and the Clerk of the Board’s Office. Agenda are also sent to each Board of Supervisor’s office, the County Administrator’s Office, all Community Libraries, the City of Richmond Library, and City offices. The meeting notice and agenda packet are also uploaded onto the Commission website.

V. Advisory Body Budget (if applicable)

- a. **Please provide the advisory body’s source of revenue (if any) for the past 36 months. Rounded figures can be used. (Add additional sheets or documents if needed.)**

Sources of Revenue	
Source	Amount

Total	\$0

b. Provide a summary of the committee's actual or estimated expenditures for the past 36 months.

Types of Expenditures	
Category	Amount
Total	\$0

***The Library Commission does not have a revenue source or expenditures. The Library Department, on behalf of the Commission, pays for staff time and printing/ mailing costs for agendas and agenda packets.**

VI. Advisory Body Current Issues (if applicable)

Are there any additional issues or problems that the Committee wishes to bring to the attention of CAO and/or the Board of Supervisors, or that the Committee has been unable to resolve?

Provide a brief description of the issue:

Include enough information to give context for the issue. Helpful information includes:

i. What is the specific problem or concern?

The only concerns are those noted above; the size of the Commission and what can be accomplished by the Commission that is not already accomplished through other means.

ii. Whom does this issue affect?

iii. What is the advisory body's current role related to the issue?

iv. What policy or program changes, or other recommendations, has the committee considered in response?

VII. Advisory Body Comments and Suggestions
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- a. Describe the effect the advisory body has made on the target population.**
The Library Commission has been able to assist the County Librarian through its comments and feedback on presentations provided throughout the 36 month review period. It assisted with Town Hall meetings in support of the Library's Strategic Plan and provides community-level support and advocacy for library services.
- b. Describe the specific impact the work of the advisory body has made in achieving its mission.**
The Library Commission has made specific impact in advocacy. A regular agenda item is State Library Funding. The Library Commission regularly reviews upcoming concerns regarding State and Federal Library funding, creates letters to be approved/signed by the Board of Supervisor Chair, and advocates with their local politicians to support stable or increased State and Federal funding.
- c. Additional Comments**
Please use the following space to share additional comments about the work of the advisory body, its effectiveness, the services it provides, or any other related subject. The Library Commission will be meeting on November 19th, 2015 and will include this as a topic for discussion. It is planned for an ad hoc group to be formed at that meeting to discuss the Commission's continuance, purpose, structure, etc. Preliminary recommendations from that ad hoc committee are expected back to the Commission at the January meeting, with final review and approval at the March 2016 meeting. This information will be shared back with the County Administrator's Office at that time for inclusion in this final review.

Required signatures:

(1) Chairperson of your advisory committee or commission:

x _____

(please print name): _____

(2) County Staff or Liaison who coordinated survey:

x _____

(please print name): _____

Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTE: No action was taken on this document by Commission on 3/24/16.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, The Contra Costa County Library Commission (Commission) was established by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the Contra Costa Mayors Conference in March 1991; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the Commission are to 1) to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian, 2) to provide a community linkage to the county library, 3) to establish a forum for the community to express its views regarding the goals and operations of the county library, 4) to assist the Board of Supervisors and County Librarian to provide library services based on assessed public need, 5) to develop and recommend proposals to the Board of Supervisors and County Librarian for the betterment of the county library including, but not limited to, such efforts as insuring a stable and adequate funding level for the libraries in the county.

WHEREAS, the Commission has consistently provided a forum for members of the public to express their views on library service, and

WHEREAS, library staff has brought proposed programs and issues to the Commission to "flesh out" any issues and to obtain its support prior to being submitted to the County Board of Supervisors for approval including the Library's 2014-17 Strategic Plan in which the Commission took an active role, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has usually received a budget presentation prior to the budget being adopted by the County Board of Supervisors and the Commission has either testified at Board meetings and/or written a letter of support for the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has consistently supported increased and stable funding through such activities including;

- Endorsed and worked as individuals for Measure L and Proposition 81 (Library Construction Bonds) ("Reading and Literacy and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006).
- Developed and approved resolutions for full funding of the PLF (Public Library Foundation) which were unanimously approved by the Mayors Conference in 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- Endorsed SB1455 (originally started as a Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond bill) (DeSaulnier); and SCA7 (Senator Wolk) (Local Government Financing: Voter Approval - Public Libraries) which would have reduced the threshold needed by which to pass library measures and many obtained letters of support from local leaders and one commissioner testified at three senate hearings, and

WHEREAS, many commissioners have been and are active in working in their communities to develop and build new libraries including, (but not limited to) Clayton, Danville, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Orinda, Brentwood, El Cerrito and Oakley, and

WHEREAS, many commissioners have an on-going dialogue at the local level to keep elected officials informed about the library and continue to advocate for local funding support; as well as participating in CLA's (California Library Association) Day in the District where commissioners, Friends and library staff meet with their local legislators, and

WHEREAS, strong working relationships between the County Board of Supervisors, city and town elected leaders and the Commission has resulted in the Contra Costa County Library system remaining intact,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission has consistently performed its duties for the past 25 years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Library Commission requests continued re-authorization from the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the Contra Costa Mayors Conference.

Approved by the Commission on March 24, 2016.

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstentions ___

Absent _____

Signed by:

Rodger Lum, Chair

Alan B. Smith, Vice Chair

STATEMENT TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

March 28, 2016

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CONTRA COSTA LIBRARY COMMISSION MEMBER (District IV Alternate)

I come before you to speak in regard to Agenda Item #7, specifically the recommendation that the Library Commission be (a) sunset, or (b) reduced in the number of meetings held per year, or (c) reduced in the number of seats on the Commission.

I speak in opposition to all of these alternatives for the following reasons:

1. The Library Commission is the **only** countywide advisory body for the library system. The local Friends/Foundations do not and cannot provide the countywide perspective that the Commission can and should present. That perspective is needed if the interests and needs of all County residents (not just those who are regularly library users as the report states) are to be represented.
2. The second recommendation speaks to the number of times per year the Commission meets (currently every two months). Let me suggest that the number of times it meets is not the issue. The issue is what happens at the meetings, and how that reflects on the achievement of the Commission's purpose and five (5) described responsibilities (see III.a. pg. 4 of the Report).

Certainly the Commission, in collaboration with the Supervisors and the Library Director achieved remarkable results in the past. I'm not clear that has been the case in recent years. I, and my colleagues on the current Commission, believe we can do so again. Arbitrarily limiting the number of meetings would be unwise at this point in time. It is clear to the current Commission members that we must more effectively and efficiently conduct our business in the interest of achieving our purpose and carrying out our responsibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Internal Operations Committee
Monday, March 28, 2016

Greg Enholm County resident since 1992: 3 years in Kensington followed by 21 years in Bay Point.

I am here to comment on the proposal to dissolve the County Library Commission. I want to make a specific proposal to continue the Library Commission by reducing the number of meetings to 2 per year as a full body but **requiring Library Commissioners to hold well-publicized public meetings in each of the County's 26 community Libraries on an announced schedule.** The Library Commissioners would summarize the public comments from these public meetings in writing. These reports would be reviewed and discussed at the semi-annual meetings.

Let me note that I am speaking today as a former County Library Commissioner for 2004-2013 appointed by the Board of Supervisors on the nomination of Supervisor Federal Glover and **not as a College Board Trustee.** I want to note that I proposed that the College District be authorized to be the replacement appointor when the Youth Council was dissolved. That change took 2 years to complete.

I have been an active user of Libraries for all my life. I have memories of being in Libraries when I was quite young. My mother took me to the St. Petersburg Library regularly starting when I was 5 years after our family moved from Arlington VA in 1959.

I reluctantly left the Library Commission soon after being elected to the College Board in part because the College District has a financial arrangement with the County Library to have the San Ramon Dougherty Station Library serve as the Library for our San Ramon Campus.

I make the proposal in the first paragraph above for the following reasons:

1) **While I believe the Library Commission started out when it was formed as an active group focused on improving Library services** in the County, by the time I joined in 2004, the Commission had **changed into a mostly passive group** which started its meetings discussing books of interest then switches to receiving presentations from Library staff.

There are exceptions such as the effort which led the Oakley City Council to place a measure on the June 2016 ballot to fund a new Library for Oakley.

2) During my 9 years on the Commission, I learned a lot about Library operations but **felt there was not enough opportunity to let the public comment about what they thought about our Libraries.** It was uncommon to have people make formal Public Comment as allowed by the Brown Act.

3) From my experience with our Libraries, I believe changing the Library Commission's focus from receiving presentations from Library staff to listening to the public, especially those who use the Libraries, would be worth doing especially if written reports by the Library Commissioners based on holding public meetings at the 26 community Libraries were made at less frequent meetings of the full Commission.

4) **It will be necessary to have these Commission-sponsored committee meetings be limited to less than a Commission majority to comply with the Brown Act.** These committee meetings must be well-publicized both at the Libraries and on the Library website.

5) **I note that it is challenging to find the Library Commission on the Library website.** You must click on "About Us" on the home page then go down 9 items. **It is also challenging to find the County Library website itself from the home page for Contra Costa County.** For instance, it is **not one of the 9 bold items under Community** (but Parks & Recreation is a bold item). If you search "Library" the word "Library" appears on top of the search list and clicking that will take you to the County Library home page. Would it be possible to list **County Library** on that Community page?

If you have questions, you can call my cell at 925 878-5515 or email me at gbenholm@hotmail.com.

Thank you.