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To: Clerk of the Board <ClerkOfTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us>
Subject: Public comments for item D6 animal service assessment.

The report calls for an assessment in expanding services to hard to reach areas of West Contra Costa County in East Contra Costa County.

I don't think that East Contra Costa County should be considered hard to reach. The fact is there are no Animals Services in this area. The density of population is increasing along with the animal population.

Contra Costa Animal Services has chosen a radical switch in Sheltering by turning away animals from the shelter and limiting their capacity.

Why you would extended the existing facilities or consider facilities in West County and East County.

The West County shelter was turn over to a spay and neuter provider that does not provide any mandated services for Sheltering.

The report states an assessment for partnerships in those existing areas. I don't see this recommendation in report for other services.

The Pinole shelter was turned over to a non-profit for spay and neuters only.

This was it clinic that was already providing service so there is no additional services to the public.

Building and expanding additional Spay and Neuter Clinic should be the focus of the assessment.

Contra Costa County needs adequate low cost no cost high volume spay and neuter clinics in order to deal with this horrific animal overpopulation that has been created, by numerous factors, including the fact that your shelter is now turning away animals.

When Sacramento County built their new animal shelter they also built a free-standing building next to them that provides spays and neuters through a non profit.

In furture assessments can it be reviewed that these areas need spay and neuter facilities not an additional shelters. Accomplished by the county building additional facilities or providing mobile units to accomplish this.

There is a simple solution here the less unwanted animals the less need for Sheltering.

Thank you Lisa Kirk Contra Costa SPCA

Considered in the plan for additional spay and neuter facilities either to be built or provided in a mobile setting