



May 14, 2024

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Accepting a Grant of \$1,500,000 from the California Natural Resources Agency for the Ventura County Animal Shelter Renovation Project and Making Certain Related Certifications; Authorization of the County Executive Officer to Enter into a Grant Agreement and Take Other Actions Required to Accept the Grant, Subject to County Counsel Approval

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt the resolution, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, approving acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the California Natural Resources Agency ("CNRA") for the Ventura County Animal Shelter Renovation Project and making certain related certifications set forth therein.
2. Authorize the County Executive Officer ("CEO") or her designee to enter into a grant agreement with CNRA and take other actions required to accept the grant, subject to County Counsel approval as to form and legal sufficiency.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item contributes to the Board of Supervisors (Board) 2024–2027 strategic priority to invest in Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities. The project will increase access to health services and programs throughout the County, thus improving the quality of life for animals and residents. This project will support the County's goal to provide relevant and meaningful services for communities.

DISCUSSION:

The Ventura County Animal Shelter (Shelter) is an animal welfare facility in Ventura County located at the Camarillo Airport. The Shelter provides various services including animal housing, pet adoptions, lost & found, field operations, cruelty investigations, pet licensing, medical care, low-cost vaccination clinics, volunteer/foster opportunities, and emergency disaster response. The County also provides contract animal services to the residents of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Simi Valley, Ventura, and all unincorporated areas of Ventura County. Shelter leadership and staff

are dedicated to improving the lives of the animals in their care and educating residents and stakeholders throughout the region.

The County intends to modernize the Shelter in future years. Currently, \$10 million has been set-aside for the project and research for additional resources is ongoing. Due to the advocacy of Assemblymember Steve Bennett, the State of California has allocated \$1.5 million for the Shelter project. The funds are being administered by the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). The CEO is bringing this item to your Board to complete CNRA's requirements to formally accept and appropriate these funds. The CEO's office will work directly with CNRA for any follow-up requests. The Project Information Form referenced in the resolution is attached as Exhibit 2.

In closing, the Shelter is currently in the design phase, and the CEO will return to the Board as project-related activities are advanced. This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller, and County Counsel. For questions on this item please contact Asad Baig at 805-654-2686.

Sincerely,



Sevet Johnson, PsyD
County Executive Officer

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Authorizing Resolution

Exhibit 2 – Project Information Form