

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS\***

**KERN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

**Kern County Administrative Building**  
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multipurpose Room

October 19th, 2022– 6:00p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.  
Commissioners Present:

Mr. Blackburn – Chairperson  
Ms. Christopher - Commissioner  
Ms. Taggart - Commissioner  
Mr. Sannappa - Commissioner

Commissioners Excused:

Mr. Couch – Supervisor  
Ms. Geary - Vice Chairperson

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services  
Jeremy McNutt- Deputy County Counsel, Kern County

*item was made by the first Commissioner named and seconded by the second Commissioner named.]*

**B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

1. September 21st, 2022 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - *(Taggart/Christopher)* - All in favor

### **C. CONSENT AGENDA:**

These agenda items before the Animal Services Commission (Commission) may be acted upon with one motion if no member of the Commission or audience wishes to comment or ask questions.

#### **1. CORRESPONDENCE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION**

- a. Email from Pamela Dunstan received on 9/16/22 regarding her friends' need for temporary foster or surrender of their dog
- b. Email from Celia Alvarez received on 9/28/22 regarding unleashed dogs at Tehachapi Meadowbrook Park.
- c. Email from Denise Webb received on 10/11/22 regarding loose dogs in the Onyx area.

Motion to receive and file - (*Sannappa/Christopher*) - All in favor

### **D. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting. Also, the Commission may act to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. Please state your name and address for the record before making your presentation. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES.**

NONE

### **E. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

#### **1. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – Receive and file**

Heard from Director Cullen concerning the department's current events and statistics from the Director's report. Director Cullen answers questions from the public regarding things discussed during this agenda item.

Heard from Commissioner Taggart concerning vaccination statistics and resources.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning the Arvin ACO.

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn concerning the adoption promotion.

Heard from Michelle Vallejos concerning administrative citations.

Heard from unidentified member of the public concerning jurisdiction issues.

Heard from Danny Litteral concerning a political advertisement talking about animal welfare in Kern County.

Heard from Michael Najera concerning the above referenced political advertisement.

Motion to Receive and file (*Sannappa/Christopher*) - All in favor

#### **F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Heard from Commissioner Taggart concerning her efforts trying to recruit students to the veterinary field.

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning her efforts with TNR.

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS:**

##### 1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

##### 2. UPDATE ON AKC REUNITE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

NONE

##### 3. STATUS ON ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REVISIONS

Heard from Commissioner Blackburn who needs more time to read through the most recent draft he received of the revisions

Heard from Commissioner Christopher who also has not had a chance to read through the most recent document in its entirety.

Heard from Commissioner Sannappa who suggested to table this discussion until next month to give people an opportunity to read the documents.

Heard from Director Cullen concerning the proposed revisions that were distributed to the public vs. the commission.

Heard from Terri Kahn concerning clarification on a specific section of the revisions.

Motion to Receive and file (*Taggart/Christopher*) - All in favor

**H. NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn (*Sannappa/Christopher*) – All in favor.

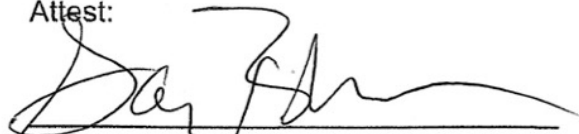
The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

November 16th, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

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Attest:

  
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Gary Blackburn  
Chairperson

*\*A full recording of the proceedings, which constitute the official record of the Animal Services Commission's meetings, can be heard at: <https://www.kerncountyanimalservices.org/who-we-are/animal-services-commission/>*