

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS*

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

Kern County Administrative Building
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301
3rd Floor, Multipurpose Room

September 20th, 2023 – 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

Commissioners Excused:

Ms. Geary - Vice Chairperson
Mr. Couch – Supervisor

Staff Present:

Nick Cullen – Director, Kern County Animal Services
Jeremy McNutt - Deputy County Counsel, Kern County
Jennifer Feige - Deputy County Counsel, Kern County
Amber Chrissakis - Volunteer, Kern County Animal Services

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

B. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. July 19th, 2023 - Regular Meeting - Approve

Motion to receive and file - *(Christopher/Taggart)* - 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 - Receive and file
 - a. Email received from Alexia Sandoval 8/1/23 regarding employment as an "Animal Care Helper".
 - b. Email received from Itzhak Rossa 9/9/23 regarding their neighbors dog being left in her backyard in California City.

Motion to receive and file - (*Taggart/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.**

Heard from Joan Peyton regarding AB1215 and AB781 that are currently on Governor Newsom's desk.

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 Blackburn concerning the promotions the department has recently tried.

Director Cullen answers questions from the public.

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

F. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Heard from Commissioner Christopher concerning her rescue activity.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. STAFF REFERRALS

NONE

2. UPDATE ON AKC REUNITE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Heard from Joan Peyton who updated that the AKC was waiting for branding to be put on the first trailer. The possibility of the second trailer that was discussed previously is unclear.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

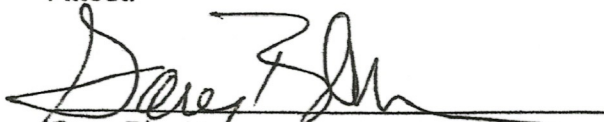
Motion to adjourn (*Taggart/Christopher*) – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

The next Animal Control Commission meeting is scheduled for:

October 18th, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Blackburn
Chairperson

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