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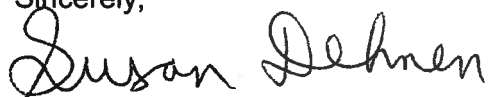
Re: Western Slope Animal Shelter Project

Dear Supervisor Santiago:

We urge you to move forward quickly to construct the new animal shelter facility for the Western Slope. We have followed the long course of this badly needed and long overdue project for years. The animal shelter was housed for decades in a substandard facility, and has been housed since 2007 in totally inadequate temporary facilities. We understand that the lease on the temporary shelter site at 511 Placerville Drive expires in January 2011, thus creating another urgent situation to move the shelter. We also understand that the County is currently spending about \$150,000 per year for leased space at 3 separate temporary sites. This is not the best use of taxpayer dollars and an inefficient way to operate county animal services.

We strongly support the construction of the facility at the El Dorado "Y"--property that the County purchased in 2006 for this purpose, for which architectural drawings are already completed and funding has been allocated. Proceeding now will also take advantage of a very favorable bidding/construction cost climate. The County has deferred investment in this important community resource for too many years. It is time to build a facility that has enough space and meets accepted standards of care for neglected, abused, abandoned and stray animals. This is the ONLY animal shelter for dogs, cats, large and other small animals serving the vast area of the Western Slope. It will serve us for decades, so let's do this correctly, now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Dehnen

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