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February 12, 2007

Helen Baumann  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
El Dorado County, California

Dear Ms. Chairperson:

I am writing to express my fervent concerns regarding the future of our El Dorado County Animal Services Shelter. As a dedicated member of this community and active volunteer for PAWED (People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County), I feel it is our duty to insure the structural support necessary to meet this county's growing needs for responsible and effective companion animal, livestock, and wildlife management.

After several years of active participation with animal adoptions, I have observed the dedication and commitment from our county employees in an environment that is continuously suffering. Waves of urgent demands on their services erupt with minimal time for facility adjustment. Let us recall the efforts spent to secure contributions from non-county facilities during the recent livestock and canine confiscation cases. Response to such crises requires immediate resources on hand to maintain public safety AND safety to your employees. Crowded conditions contribute to employee stress, and escalate fear, arousal, and aggression in our confined animals.

During the past years, the current facility has suffered from lack structural improvement and expansions. It is obvious that it has fallen behind with current standards of county operations. This deferment of cost must be acknowledged from your Board. The plans on a new facility deserve this additional real savings to avoid creating such profound gaps in the immediate future. Do not waste our tax money on a facility that will be 'partially-functional' at completion. Not only would it be a disservice to your employees, it would guarantee need for further expenditures in the future. This is poor management and poor leadership.

The reality of overseeing the safety, welfare, and legal aspects of animal care in any community is a dangerous and emotional task. The population growth will continue to stretch our resources and public servants in an exponential manner. This compounds public confrontation and scrutiny. Our team deserves and requires an environment that fosters care as well as professionalism to public citizens. The new shelter will represent not only our commitment to compassion, but also responsibility to the law.

I ask that you understand that this project must protect and serve the entire Western slope for the next several decades. Let us do it right. The future belongs to those who are prepared.

Sincerely,



Karen Y. Nishimura, MS, RD, MD  
Sutter Medical Group

*I am proud to volunteer my 10-20 hours per month for the past 4 years to our community - And we must create an environment that attracts more volunteer labor.*





Brenda J Bailey/PV/EDC  
02/08/2007 04:06 PM

To Cynthia C Johnson/PV/EDC@TCP  
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Subject Fw: West Slope Animal Control Shelter

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Becky Long  
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02/07/2007 05:17 PM

To bosthree@co.el-dorado.ca.us, bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us  
cc  
Subject West Slope Animal Control Shelter

Since reading an article in the local paper regarding the cost of the new Animal Control shelter, I've been concerned that the project will not continue or that it will be built under par with our needs. As the population in our county increases, so does the population of discarded pets and farm animals, and we should be prepared to provide for their care. The health of our county can be measured by our compassionate response to this problem. Properly built, the new shelter would be something we could be proud of; an asset to our own community as well as a model to others. Your proactive leadership is needed. I urge you to support the new shelter and to allocate any and all funds necessary to build one that will serve us for years to come. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Becky Long  
4045 Chestnut Lane  
Placerville  
621-2123

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Danielle Y Sather/PV/EDC  
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Subject Fw: West Slope Animal Shelter

Danielle Sather  
Administrative Secretary  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
Phone: 530-621-5115  
Fax: 530-622-3645

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"Cheri Merrifield"  
<charingm@comcast.net>  
02/07/2007 12:59 PM

To <bosthree@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
cc  
Subject West Slope Animal Shelter

Dear Supervisor Sweeney,  
I'm writing in support of increasing the funding for the shelter project.

It seems that we will only accomplish half of our original goals in trying to shelter and protect our animal friends with the amount set aside for the project. Please can you boost the funds allotted by as much as possible.

Thank you so much for your support.

Cheri Merrifield  
2527 Knollwood Dr.  
Cameron Park, Ca.

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Danielle Y Sather/PV/EDC  
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bosthree@co.el-dorado.ca.us, bosfour@co.el-dorado.ca.us,  
bosfive@co.el-dorado.ca.us  
cc

Subject Funding for the El Dorado County Animal Shelter

Dear Supervisor:

As an active member of the community and a devoted animal lover, I am dismayed at the possibility that funds might be cut for the new animal shelter. I coordinate a large dog rescue group. Every day I get calls from locals who are seeking help and answers to problems that would be available if they lived in other counties around the state. The new animal shelter can be a source of pride for the Board of Supervisors and our county much like Marin County's shelter is for them or it can be just the same problems moved to a new location.

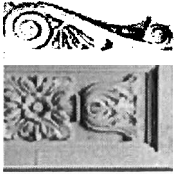
Please, do not decrease the funding. I understand cost control...but hasn't this section of the county's constituency been overlooked long enough?

Ann B. McQuillen  
530.620.6000

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Subject Fw: Animal Control Facility

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Aimee Burkhardt  
<aimeeburk@yahoo.com>  
02/09/2007 04:49 PM

To bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us  
cc  
Subject Animal Control Facility

Dear Ms. Baughman;

I am writing to you and urgently encouraging you to vote favorably for full funding of the animal control facilities. As residents of El Dorado County we have a right to rely on the accessibility and existence of an Animal Control facility sufficient to our purposes. Funding for the new facility was approved 5 years ago. Of course now the costs are much higher and the Board of Supervisors are on the verge of tanking the project and limiting funds to what was approved 5 years ago. This would produce a woefully inadequate and shabby facility, again, a disgrace to this county.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Aimee Vukovich-Burkhart

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**Sample Letter**

Supervisor Norma Santiago  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Western Slope Animal Shelter Project

Dear Supervisor Santiago

We urge you to allocate the additional funding necessary to construct an adequately sized animal shelter facility for the Western Slope. We have followed the long course of this badly needed and long overdue project for years. Animal sheltering and control services have been housed for decades in an undersized, substandard facility.

We strongly support the design and construction of a facility as discussed at your recent special meeting on this matter. The County has deferred investment in this important community resource for 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 in your care. 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,

Bob Rock  
HKC Member

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Subject Fw: Animal Control

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xfields <xfields@pacbell.net>  
02/09/2007 01:25 PM

To bosfour@co.el-dorado.ca.us  
cc bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us  
Subject Animal Control

Mr. Briggs~

As almost 30 year county residents and your constituents, we are writing to ask you to increase funding for the Shelter project to build the facility El Dorado County needs in 2007 and reasonably beyond.

We do dog and horse rescue work, and my wife works as a vet assistant, so we have been "behind the scenes" at Animal Control many times. We have enormous respect for what they accomplish, under truly ridiculous working conditions.

We would urge you and the other Supervisors to spend a day (or two) at the Shelter (and on ride-alongs), to see how woefully inadequate current facilities are, and to really be able to determine what is needed today and for the future of our rapidly growing county.

After that, we are sure that you all will do the right thing--based on a firsthand, up-to-date comprehensive analysis, you will allocate sufficient funds to build an adequate, safe facility that meets the county's needs today and at least for the immediate future.

Thank you for your serious consideration.

Ric and Sue Heer  
Rescue

*Some food for thought:*

Mahatma Gandhi - **"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."**

Saint Francis of Assisi - **"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures**

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**from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who deal likewise with their fellow men.”**

Immanuel Kant - **“He who is cruel to animals becomes hard also in his dealings with men. We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals.”**

James Herriot - **“I hope to make people realize how totally helpless animals are, how dependent on us, trusting as a child must that we will be kind and take care of their needs ...[They] are an obligation put on us, a responsibility we have no right to neglect, nor to violate by cruelty.”**

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions.

2. It is essential to ensure that all entries are supported by proper documentation and receipts.

3. Regular audits should be conducted to verify the accuracy of the records and identify any discrepancies.

4. The final section provides a summary of the key findings and recommendations for future improvements.





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To Cynthia C Johnson/PV/EDC@TCP  
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Subject Fw: Animal Shelter funding

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"Margaret Wilcox"  
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02/09/2007 10:40 AM

To <bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
cc  
Subject Animal Shelter funding

Supervisor Baumann--

I am urging you to support full funding for the new EDC Animal Control facility. As a board member of SCLAR (a county large-animal emergency evacuation organization) and the lifelong owner and lover of large and small animals, I feel it's imperative that my county have an animal shelter that is appropriate to the needs of our large and growing population--both human and animal.

--Margaret Wilcox

4830 Faber Rd.  
Shingle Springs, CA 95682  
530-677-2531

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Subject Fw: Animal Shelter Funding

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Mary Lou Giles  
<mlgiles18@yahoo.com>  
02/08/2007 07:36 PM

To bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us  
cc  
Subject Animal Shelter Funding

Dear Ms. Baumann,

I've been a resident of El Dorado County since 1988. I'm a member of People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County, the Hangtown Kennel Club, and the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. I have spent more than a few Saturdays and Sundays working at PAWED adoption events to help Animal Control find homes for the pets in their care. I'm concerned about funding for the new Animal Shelter, a matter which will be discussed at your next meeting. I can't attend, as I teach in Fair Oaks, however I want to convey to you my strong feelings on this matter, as an animal lover, a taxpayer, and a voter. I think it would be an act of cruelty and a waste of taxpayers money to build a less than adequate facility. This county is growing rapidly; as the human population grows, so, unfortunately, will the population of stray and unwanted pets. We need a facility of at least 17,000 square feet to serve current and future animal welfare needs. Otherwise our "shelter" will be nothing more than an extermination camp due to lack of space. I urge you to consider the needs of these most vulnerable of our county's residents. Sincerely, Mary Lou Giles

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Subject Fw: Animal shelter

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Kathy Tong  
<katong@mac.com>  
02/08/2007 07:30 PM

To <bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
cc  
Subject Animal shelter

Hello;

I am a constituent in your district of El Dorado county.

I urge you to fully fund the animal shelter, as was promised by the county several years ago. This county cannot afford to have a makeshift or temporary facility. We have a rural lifestyle which means many animals are neglected, whether on purpose or because of unfortunate circumstances. Our county must take appropriate steps to see that animals are cared for, sheltered as needed, and that new homes are found for as many as possible.

Please do not let the animal shelter funding be taken away. El Dorado County must build a new animal shelter that is adequately designed and sized, rather than pay much more later to add on or to correct mistakes.

This is an urgent matter which affects all county residents!

Thank you for your time;  
Kathy Tong

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6. The document concludes with a statement of the author's intent.

7. The author expresses their hope that the information provided will be helpful to all readers.

8. The document is signed by the author, who is responsible for its content.

9. The date of the document is also provided for reference.



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"Barbara Lee"  
<barblee@hughes.net>  
02/08/2007 05:46 PM

To <bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
cc  
Subject West Slope Animal Shelter Project

Chairperson Baumann:

I am writing to urge you to allocate needed funds to build an adequately sized animal shelter facility for this County. El Dorado County has deferred this investment for decades and housed these important services in an outdated, undersized, inferior facility. The long overdue new facility should not be reduced beyond the concept discussed at your recent meeting on this subject. Facility size is based on numbers and types of animals housed and appropriate methods of housing and caring for them. Quite simply, further reductions in size equate to a facility that will not be adequate now, not to mention impacts of future growth. This community deserves better than that.

This new facility will be an important public resource that houses badly needed public services. It must be built to current codes and mandates. We realize that construction of any sort is expensive. It is time to build this needed facility. Make the investment and build it to meet the needs now.

Thank you.

Barbara Lee  
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Coloma, CA 95613  
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Subject Fw: New County Animal Shelter

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"KATHY Anderson"  
<sewfun@earthlink.net>  
02/08/2007 04:02 PM

To <bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us>  
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Please respond to  
"KATHY Anderson"  
<sewfun@earthlink.net>

Subject New County Animal Shelter

Dear Supervisor Baumann,

Please allocate sufficient funds to meet the needs of sheltering our county's pets. The people of this county deserve a quality shelter with design features that are imperative for disease control. Money must also be spent to increase the community's understanding of animal care and ownership. If the county does not give appropriate respect to our animals how can they teach others to respect them? The neglect cycle will continue and the need to care for more and more animals will continue to grow. The shelter will then need to be built larger again using more and more funds. Please build the new shelter correctly and appropriately the first time. This is such an enormous opportunity for El Dorado to come out of the redneck dark ages and join a civilized and compassionate society. Please build a high quality public resource that will provide years of support to our community.

Kathy Anderson  
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Placerville, CA  
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