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Re: Agenda Item 13-0444 -- Animal Services

Supervisors:

I ask the Board to carefully consider the authorization of Cooperative Service Agreement 13-73-06-6574-RA/008-S1411 with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services, based upon the following concerns:

- Predator control efforts have been known to cause injury/death to household pets.
- Non-target wildlife can be killed via primary or secondary poisoning (secondary poisoning resulting from animals feeding upon poisoned animals).
- Requests to eliminate wildlife can be "frivolous" (wildlife that are bothersome, but not destructive).
- While some fraction of the public may want to eliminate specific predators, or other wildlife, other members of the public are interested in maintaining populations.

Some counties have cancelled their contracts with Wildlife Services based upon these concerns. Thus, it is important to ask if we need this contract--if the cost to wildlife and domestic pets is worth the benefit to ranchers/farmers/the general public.

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
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