



# COUNTY OF EL DORADO, CALIFORNIA

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

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### I. PURPOSE

Dead animals can be a traffic hazard and in some cases a health hazard. As the County becomes more urbanized, residents are less able to dispose of dead animals themselves and often seek guidance and direction from the County on these issues. Therefore, the following policy is to be followed:

### II. POLICY

- A. Dead animals on the State highways are the responsibility of the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans).
- B. Dead animals on city roads are the responsibility of the City. City and County may enter into agreements whereby County makes available to City the services normally provided, either by law or by delegation through the Board of Supervisors. Existing agreements, if any, shall apply to and govern the provisions of service under this section.
- C. Dead animals on County roads are the responsibility of the Department of Transportation (Transportation). To keep El Dorado County roads and roadsides clear of hazards, dead animals causing a traffic hazard will be removed from the roadway and disposed of by Transportation. For animals that are not wild, County may seek reimbursement for the cost of removal from the owner of the dead animal.
- D. Dead animals found on County property, other than roads, will be disposed of by Animal Services. For animals that are not wild, County may charge the owner of the dead animal for the cost of the pickup and disposal.
- E. Dead owned animals are the responsibility of the animal owner. If requested by the property owner, and resources are available, Animal Services may assist with the pickup and disposal of the dead animal if the County vehicle can safely and reasonably access the location of the dead animal. Per County Ordinance Section 6.28.030 and Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 143-2016, the property owner will be charged the cost of the pickup and disposal.
- F. Dead animals on private property, including private roads, are the responsibility of the property owner. If requested by the property owner, and resources are available, Animal Services may assist with the pickup and disposal of the dead animal if the County vehicle can safely and reasonably access the location of the dead animal. Per County Ordinance Section 6.28.030 and Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 143-2016, the property owner will be charged the cost of pickup and disposal.
- G. If complaints are filed regarding dead animals on private or public property other than County property, the Environmental Management Department, will notify the property owner to



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abate the dead animal(s) in the manner in which they handle solid waste complaints or other nuisances as allowed by law and regulations. It is the property owner's responsibility to abate dead animals.

#### III. REFERENCES

None

#### IV. RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

Department of Transportation  
Environmental Management Department

#### V. DATES ISSUED AND REVISED; SUNSET DATES:

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