

ANIMAL SHELTER COALITION FOR
EL DORADO COUNTY

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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: DOT Animal Shelter Timeline - Agenda Item 10-1235, 4/26/2011

Members of the Board,

Due to prior personal plans, I will not be able to attend your April 26, 2011 meeting to hear your discussion and represent the Animal Shelter Coalition regarding the Animal Shelter Project schedule that will be presented by DOT staff. I was, however, able to receive information from project staff about the project schedule recommendations that DOT staff intend to provide to the Board on April 26th.

It seems that project staff will propose a "faster track" schedule for the Western Slope Animal Shelter project that will involve: 1) advancing Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project on a parallel track; 2) completion of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 prior to the 12/31/2013 temporary shelter lease termination/temporary use permit expiration; and 3) clear direction from the Board to other County departments/staff that the Western Slope Animal Shelter project is a priority and that review of agreements, bid documents, etc., must be completed on a priority basis in order for DOT to implement their recommended "faster track" for this project.

The Animal Shelter Coalition supports moving the Western Slope Animal Shelter project forward as quickly as possible. We hope that the faster track schedule and Phases 1 and 2 parallel processes proposed by DOT project managers will finally move this much needed project forward to completion to provide a permanent facility, as planned, by December 31, 2013. Thank you again for your action on April 11th and recognition that time is of the essence with this project. We urge the Board to make the completion of the permanent Western Slope Animal Shelter a priority and direct staff accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee, for
Animal Shelter Coalition for El Dorado County