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April 11 meeting

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Supervisor Ron Briggs  
El Dorado County  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Animal Services Division Essential Functions and Western Slope Shelter Project

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create another problem – the permanent shelter will continue to be needed and if project dollars are taken, there is no prospect of saving them again. Please retain the project funds for the project, proceed as promised on Phase 1 and recognize the essential public safety functions carried out by the Animal Services Division. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah A. Henjum  
5382 Comstock Rd.  
Placerville, CA 95667

NEW Shelter  
Carol Menke-Clark  
to:  
bosfour  
04/10/2011 11:49 AM  
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Please consider me **IN FAVOR** of a new animal shelter!!!!!!

Thank You,

Carol Menke-Clark  
Kyburz

Animal Shelter is for the People

Barbara Phillips

to:

John Knight, Ray Nutting, Jack Sweeney, Ron Briggs, Norma Santiago

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

So far most of the discussion concerning the proposed new animal shelter has been centered around the needs of the animals of our county. The animal shelter is a necessary service for the human population, When a person decides to add a pet to the family do they think of going to a breeder and paying several hundred dollars for a pedigreed puppy? No, most people's first thought is the Animal Shelter. Many want to give a homeless animal a home. Some don't want to deal with a puppy. There is no other way to find possible matches for the family if our county didn't provide a place where the public could view and adopt pets, The nearest facility is in Sacramento County. A trip to Sacramento County would be a hardship for anyone, finding a suitable pet could take several trips. Also consider all the pets that are reunited with their owners which wouldn't happen without a local shelter. Please consider the needs of the residents of our county.

Ray & Barbara Phillips

El Dorado

Animal Shelter  
Stacy Wright  
to:  
bosfour  
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Sincerely,

*The Wright Family*



**Animal Shelter**  
xfields to: bosfour

04/08/2011 11:08 AM

Mr. Briggs~

Maybe the BOS should spend a day riding around with EDAC, doing their jobs and working at the shelter?

As someone who works with ED Animal Control through our Great Dane Rescue and also my large animal vet (yes, they deal with farm animals, too), I know first hand what the needs are. A good group of people, trying to run a no-kill shelter in cramped, out-dated quarters. Adding to the mess are all the animals given up through home foreclosures. It's a huge problem, and just like the horse rescues that are full, most shelters and foster homes are beyond their max. capacity.

I've also been very grateful for their services lately as we deal with a wolf hybrid running amuck on my street, killing pet cats!

Please, please give them the funding they need to continue to do this vital work!

Sue and Ric Heer  
Rescue, CA

Animal Services  
kimbaair  
to:  
bosfour  
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Dear Mr. Briggs,

I would like to request your support of Animal Services as well as the funding for the new shelter construction project. Animal Services provides an invaluable service to this county and while some may criticize them, I have noticed that those who do are often either the ones creating the problems or they just don't have complete information. The few encounters I have had with this group have been positive and it is very obvious that they care about what they are doing and make the best of what they have.

I realize that the state of the economy is difficult but Animal Services had made due for so long with so little and funds were set aside for the new shelter project. While it may be a large expense now I feel that everything needs to be looked at in the long term and how much will be saved over time. All too often it seems government entities make decisions based on what the benefit is now while totally disregarding the future impacts these decisions have. I hope that you and your fellow supervisors will consider the future in you decision, you may take some criticism now but it is well worth it for the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kim Purcell  
2724 Swansboro Road  
Placerville, CA 95667  
621-1049



**Western Slope Animal Shelter**

**Bob Jacobs** to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

04/08/2011 02:51 PM

I urge you to complete the permanent Animal Shelter. The facility is needed. The funds have been identified. The land has been purchased. The building has been designed. Construction costs are lower now than they have been in years.

Get on with it!

Respectfully,  
-Bob Jacobs



animal shelter  
vmmason  
to:  
bosfour  
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Please do not use any of the animal shelter's share of county funding for other purposes.

Virginia Mason  
District 4 resident  
530-622-0150

Retain Western Slope Animal Shelter Funds

Debra Kelley

to:

bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

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Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for having approved Phase 1 of the Western Slope Shelter last July. In advance of your April 11 meeting on the topic, I urge you to continue to support this much-needed capital project by retaining the funds to complete it. To take the shelter funds to try to help close an operating budget gap not only wouldn't solve the ongoing budget shortfall, but also would leave the county without an acceptable level of ability to temporarily shelter animals who require it as determined by our Animal Services officers.

I look forward to hearing soon that site improvements for the new shelter have begun. I wish you a good weekend and a good meeting on Monday.

-- Debra Kelley

District 2

April 11 workshop  
Charlene Welty  
to:  
bosfour  
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Dear Supervisor Briggs: Over the past six years, I have frequently represented People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County (PAWED) before the Board to present information about the critical need for a new animal shelter and to support the work done by Animal Services staff. Today I am writing to you as a concerned resident, taxpayer and voter in El Dorado County.

It seems that the Animal Services responsibilities within our county are given low priority. Examples include: they have operated out of totally inadequate facilities for over 40 years; public fees have recently been raised significantly, which negatively impacts responsible animal owners; staff salaries are not commensurate with the responsibilities they perform; and there continues to be staff reductions at a time of increased demand for their services in a county with a large geographic area and growing population.

I simply do not understand this. To me and many others Animal Services is a vital public service to protect the health and safety of our human and animal residents. Staff are uniquely qualified to do these specific and often dangerous jobs. I have volunteered at the Animal Services shelter regularly for the past 11 years and have seen first hand the very difficult and important work that is done there.

Rather than undermining and weakening this important responsibility, you should be supporting and strengthening it! The building of the planned permanent animal shelter is a very important step in this direction. It will finally provide an adequate workplace for staff to do their jobs, it is a great investment in our county's future, and it will enhance our community and attract more volunteers and donations. It will also be an important center to help many nonprofit organizations in the county do their work as partners with Animal Services! I am certainly willing to continue to do my part. I hope that you are willing to do your part as a decision maker and leader to move this project forward and get this much needed county facility built quickly and open to the public.

Sincerely,

Charlene Welty

Fw: URGENT: Would like to express support for Animal Services--pls. forward to Supervisors  
PAWED news  
to:  
bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive  
04/09/2011 07:05 PM  
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Forwarding per request below

Charlene Welty, President  
People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County (PAWED)  
4050 Durock Rd. #19  
Shingle Springs, CA 95682  
530-677-2476  
[www.pawedpets.org](http://www.pawedpets.org)

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Kelly Adams <mail4kellyadams@yahoo.com>  
**To:** pawed@att.net  
**Sent:** Sat, April 9, 2011 10:22:05 AM  
**Subject:** URGENT: Would like to express support for Animal Services--pls. forward to Supervisors

Dear Board of Supervisors and People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County:

My family and neighbors in the towns of El Dorado, Diamond Springs, Folsom and Pollock Pines would like to express our support of Animal Services--and emphasize the need for the county to continue this vital public service.

A permanent animal shelter on the Western Slope is needed. Wounded strays, dead animals on roadways, abandoned pets, irresponsible breeding, and cases of animal neglect are on the rise--not the decline--in this County.

Research reveals that the the current Animal Services has been operating for 4 (four) decades on an inadequate budget and facilities that are sorely lacking. Since FUNDING WAS SET ASIDE in 2007 for the new shelter and property has been purchased and architecturally designed for it...how and why would we abandon this vital issue now? PLEASE forward our voice of support to the County Supervisors.

Sincerely,

Kelly Adams  
on behalf of Concerned Citizens in the Foothills

El Dorado County Shelter  
Jachens Claudia  
to:  
bosfour  
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Board of Supervisors:

I am a long-time supporter of El Dorado County's animals. Our current rented shelter space is not sufficient due to both facilities and size. As we have a block of money set aside for the shelter, I feel that it is in the best long-term plan to use this money for the intended shelter in order to build a modest shelter that fits our county's needs.

My 11 year old daughter would like you to know that the shelter staff is very helpful and kind.

I will see you at Monday's meeting.

*Claudia Jachens*

Western Slope Animal Shelter  
David & Debbie Lind  
to:  
bosfour  
04/09/2011 11:51 AM  
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Dear Supervisor Briggs,

I am writing to urge you to retain the Western Slope Animal Shelter project funds for their intended purpose, which is to complete the permanent shelter.

There is no shelter on the West Slope for the number and variety of animals needing to be housed.

I realize there is a meeting Monday evening. I would appreciate it if you would consider the importance of a permanent shelter.

Thank you,  
Debbie Lind  
Garden Valley

**Jennifer Forsberg Meyer**

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April 11, 2011

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

**Re: Essential Services for Animals in El Dorado County**

Honorable Supervisors:

Finances are tight and cuts must be made; everyone understands that. But the county's animal services functions, including the sheltering of animals in custody, are essential not only for the safety of our county's residents, but also for the ameliorating of animal suffering. And, as Hurricane Katrina taught us, animal suffering, especially in the case of pets, equates directly to human suffering.

I hope the Board can find a way to maintain all essential parts of these services going forward.

Thank you.



Jennifer Forsberg Meyer  
Columnist, *The Rural Life*

From: "Ileen" <ileenj@directcon.net>  
To: <EDCquestions@edcgov.us>  
Date: 04/07/2011 09:27 AM  
Subject: Animal Shelter

Hello Supervisors:

I encourage you to retain the animal shelter project funds to complete the much needed permanent Western Slope shelter. I have adopted pets from the shelter, and we need it badly. These services are essential. Please complete the first phase of the construction that was previously approved.

sincerely,

Ileen Jensen  
Placerville, CA  
621-3226





"Bob Day"  
<bob@maddogmesa.com>  
04/10/2011 10:22 PM

To <brenda.bailey@edcgov.us>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Message For Ron Briggs

Dear Brenda,

I would appreciate you letting Ron know that we support the new building for Animal Control Services. I am aware of a hearing tomorrow but cannot be present.

As a farmer in the county, we call on them often when we find stray animals (goats, sheep, dogs, emus, et al). In addition, we have adopted 12 cats for to help reduce our gopher population.

Thanks for considering our opinion.

Best Regards,

Amy & Bob Day  
Mad Dog Mesa