



# *The County of El Dorado*

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TO: Board of Supervisors  
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RE: CAO Update

● **Animal Shelter Opening:** Animal Services will be relocating to the new shelter, located at 6435 Capitol Avenue in Diamond Springs, beginning this weekend and anticipate it will take about four days to have everything relocated. Animal Services staff and volunteers expect to move the animals and most items from their old facility buildings in Placerville between October 12 and 15. The first official day of operation in the new shelter is scheduled for October 16, 2014. During the move dates, Animal Services will only be open for essential services such as receiving stray animals and allowing owners to reclaim their pets. Animal Services is requesting that residents please hold off on visiting the new facility until October 16 or later.

The new Animal Services facility will house lost, abandoned and abused animals, including cats, dogs, livestock and small animals. It will also include adoption areas, quarantine areas to safely house sick and injured animals, a barn, pasture areas for livestock and exercise runs for dogs. A public counter will be available for business services, such as obtaining and renewing permits and licenses. The Animal Services' business office at the facility will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shelter services, including adoptions and kennel access, will be available Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Construction on the new facility began in March 2014 and was completed ahead of schedule. Funding for the \$5.7 million shelter project came from the County's General Fund and Tobacco Settlement dollars. Local animal welfare groups and citizens also helped raise funds to purchase some needed equipment and other enhancements for the project.

Special appreciation is given to PAWED (People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County), a local non-profit, and its supporters who raised more than \$200,000 through the organization's "Finishing Touches" campaign. Funds raised by PAWED were used to purchase equipment for the shelter's new surgical and grooming rooms, the new barn, turf and shade structures for the dog exercise areas, special cat housing units for the cat adoption area and other needed items.

Animal Services plans to host a grand opening celebration and open house in a couple of months. Details will be shared with members of the public and agency partners as soon as they are available. For questions about the move, or for general Animal Services information, please call (530) 621-5795 or visit [www.edcgov.us/animalservices](http://www.edcgov.us/animalservices).

- **Budget Committee:** The first meeting of the Board's Ad Hoc Budget Committee has been set for Monday, October 13, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in Conference Room A. The proposed agenda for this initial meeting includes organizational items such as a discussion of the selection of public committee members, meeting schedule and information and research needed for future meetings. Now that the 2014-15 Budget has been adopted with, in effect, budget cuts, it is time to start working on controlling our budget for 2015-16 and beyond.