

AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

To: Board of Supervisors
 Date: 01/19/2017
 From: Lynn Morgan, Supervisor, District III
 (Department Head - please type)

Phone Ext. x470

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Department Head Signature _____

Agenda Title: Administrative Agency

Summary: (Provide detailed summary of the purpose of this item; attach additional page if necessary)

Discussion and possible action relative to approval of Supervisor Lynn Morgan's signature on a letter to be co-signed by representatives of Amador Water Agency, Amador Fire Safe Council and Amador Resource Conservation District to be sent to Amador-El Dorado Unit Chief, Mike Kaslin addressing State Responsibility Area grant funding criteria.

Recommendation/Requested Action:

Fiscal Impacts (attach budget transfer form if appropriate)

Staffing Impacts

Is a 4/5ths vote required? Yes No

Contract Attached: Yes No N/A
 Resolution Attached: Yes No N/A
 Ordinance Attached: Yes No N/A

Committee Review? Name _____ N/A

Committee Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Request Reviewed by:

Chairman _____ Counsel _____
 Auditor _____ GSA Director _____
 CAO _____ Risk Management _____

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Board Action: Approved Yes ___ No ___ Unanimous Vote: Yes ___ No ___

Ayes: _____ Resolution _____ Ordinance _____ Other: _____
 Noes: _____ Resolution _____ Ordinance _____
 Absent: _____ Comments: _____

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 ATTEST: _____
 Clerk or Deputy Board Clerk

The County of Amador under signature of Supervisor Lynn Morgan is requested to co-sign a letter to Amador-El Dorado Unit Chief Mike Kaslin addressing the SRA grant funding criteria. The other agencies represented on the letter will be the Amador Water Agency under Operations Manager Damon Wyckoff's signature, the Amador Fire Safe Council under Chairperson Steve Bonner's signature, and the Amador Resource Conservation District under Board President Steve Cannon's signature.

The letter addresses the most recent round of SRA Fire Prevention and Tree Mortality grant funding. Our partners seeking funding for projects and activities to remediate the tree mortality issue in Amador County are seeking a meeting with Unit Chief Kaslin and his staff to better understand the ranking criteria of the proposals and where the 3 of 5 unfunded grant proposals were deemed deficient. It is understood by Fire Safe Council board members that Cal Fire Chief Ken Pimlott has stated the State Responsibility Area fees are generated from all California counties with State Responsibility Areas, and that Cal Fire has allocated a disproportionate amount of the SRA fees collected to counties that are identified as the 10 high priority tree mortality counties.

The recommended action for the Amador County Board of Supervisors is to review the letter, make any modifications, and authorize Supervisor Morgan to sign the letter on behalf of the Board and send it under County of Amador letterhead with signatures from three partner agencies working on the tree mortality issue.



January 24, 2017

Amador-El Dorado Unit Chief Mike Kaslin,

Amador County, like much of the Sierras, is faced with a tremendous issue in dealing with the risks of tree mortality. Designated as one of the 10 priority counties, Amador County has seen a radical increase in the amount of mortality as compared to last year; the tree mortality in Amador County is worse than counties to the north and fortunately less than that of our southern neighbors. In this most recent round of SRA Fire Prevention and Tree Mortality grant funding, partnership in Amador County rallied around this issue to develop and submit five grant applications. These applications addressed issues we agreed are the areas of highest priority needing assistance to mitigate tree mortality hazard in the County (“ground zero”).

The Amador County Tree Morality Core Planning Team – which includes representation from Chief Post and Chief Tinsley - was established to address tree mortality issues and provide collaboration and a unified effort to address these issues. The Amador Resource Conservation District (ARCD), Amador Fire Safe Council (AFSC), and the County of Amador worked closely together, in partnership with local residents and road associations, to submit grant applications that would provide much needed support in the County.

As you know, two of the five applications submitted in Amador County were funded. We understand that this funding is incredibly limited and competitive given the scale and breadth of tree mortality in the Sierras. It is our hope that we can work with CAL FIRE staff to understand the ranking criteria of the proposals and where the unfunded proposals submitted were deemed deficient. The Amador RCD, Tree Mortality Task Force and Amador FSC worked very closely on the applications; given the project and application similarities we are at a loss to understand why two projects were funded and not the others, particularly the very similar counterparts submitted by Amador FSC. The partners in Amador County would like to work with CAL FIRE to understand the selection process for funding in hopes to assist us in developing applications that will have a greater chance of funding in the future.

Moreover, we are at a loss to understand why almost \$1 million was granted for removal of dead or dying trees for projects outside of priority counties when the grant guidelines (for Tree Mortality) explicitly state that “projects should be located in a Priority County as identified by the Tree Mortality Task Force.” When reviewing the list of awardees, it was distressing to see many tree removal projects in area that are not listed as priority, such as projects on Catalina Island. It is of particular interest to understand how so many Counties to the north and non-priority Counties received numerous “Removal of Dead or Dying Tree” grants while Amador County received only two.

It is our aim to develop projects that are viewed as worthy of funding which helps us to achieve our goal of implementing projects that mitigate risks to Amador County landowners and protect the landscape from hazards that threaten forest health and human safety.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration of this request; the County of Amador, the Amador RCD, the Amador FSC and Amador Water Agency hope to work with CAL FIRE in an effort to understand how we can improve our funding proposals in the future and bring more funds into Amador County and AEU. We look forward to scheduling a meeting between our Amador County partners to discuss the above mentioned concerns. Please alert us of available meeting dates in early 2017; we will be happy to take care of the logistics in setting up the meeting.

Sincerely,

Lynn Morgan
Amador County
Board of Supervisors District 3 Supervisor

Steve Bonner
Amador County Fire Safe
Council
Chairperson

Steve Cannon
Amador Resource Conservation District
Board President

Damon Wyckoff
Operations Manager
Amador Water
Agency

AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

To: Board of Supervisors

Date: 01/19/2017

From: Richard M. Forster, Chairman
(Department Head - please type)

Phone Ext. 470

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 - Closed Session
- Meeting Date Requested:
01/24/2017

Department Head Signature _____

Agenda Title: A-PAL Humane Society

Summary: (Provide detailed summary of the purpose of this item; attach additional page if necessary)

Discussion and possible action relative to locating and obtaining approximately 2-4 acres of property to build a cat and wildlife center and adjacent community dog park.

Recommendation/Requested Action:

Fiscal Impacts (attach budget transfer form if appropriate)

Staffing Impacts

Is a 4/5ths vote required? Yes No

Contract Attached: Yes No N/A
Resolution Attached: Yes No N/A
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RE: A-PAL support

1/19/17

Dear Supervisors,

I wanted to inform you that the dog park and community cat center is no longer an option on Trade Center Drive. A-PAL is currently looking for space to continue our community cat efforts. In the meantime, we will continue taking shelter cats until warehouse space is replaced.

We are looking for 2-4 centrally located acres on which to build a cat and wildlife center and adjacent community dog park. As stated before, A-PAL would agree to maintain this park and hopes to get recreation tax assistance to outfit the park.

In 2016 A-PAL took 65% of the cats from the shelter. We adopted 402 cats from the Feed Barn and took in difficult as well as special needs animals from the shelter to a center on Ridge Road.

I have attached our year end statistics as well as an 8 year graph of shelter intake. I think it is clear that A-PAL has a great and positive impact on Amador County animals. Our challenge is how to continue these efforts well past our lifetime. Calaveras County donated property to their Humane Society and they are beginning a capitol campaign to build a shelter. We are hoping to win your trust and confidence to build a community animal center in Amador County.

We are fortunate to have a state and federally permitted wildlife group, Tri County Wildlife Care, operating in Amador County that took in 915 wild critters from 3 counties last year. They are now sharing space with A-PAL and it is a good match with many shared volunteers.

Both groups would appreciate your consideration if there are any centrally located properties that might be appropriate for a community animal center. Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan Manning
209-304-9590

Generous contributions to A-PAL

helped to

Spay/Neuter 1154 cats & kittens in 2016

If left unaltered, these cats would produce an estimated 15,000 kittens in one year

Spay/Neuter 285 dogs in 2016

If left unaltered, these dogs would produce an estimated 4200 puppies in one year

Adopt since 1999, 8837 kittens- (2016-402)

Spay/Neuter 1007 pit bulls- (2016-54)

Adopt Barn Cats 1594- (2016-167)

Rescue 286 dogs through Twin Cedar Second Chance- (2016-12)

Rescue 960 feral cats- (2016-108)

Treat 139 animals with special needs- (2016-3 heart worm, 16 medical treatment)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
A-PAL HUMANE SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 190, JACKSON, CA 95642
209-223-0410 www.pawspartners.org**



Tri County Wildlife Care Impact Report 2016

FLEW BY !!!



*Fur, feathers and a few scales. **915** critters entered our doors (versus **440** in 2011).
Bird patients **650+**, different species **62**; Mammal patient **240+**, different species **14**;
Reptile patients **4**, different species **2**.*

*Leaving us healthy and successful – this red-tailed hawk being one – **OVER 50%**.*

*Extraordinary volunteers. TCWC's **65** extra special people who devote themselves to the animals and the organization. They are our **HEART!!***

*Why do wild critters rely on camouflage to survive? **3,500** kids & adults learned the answer at one of our **33** Saving Wildlife Saves Us! presentations.*

*Bouquets & banquets for our more than **2,000** supporters who generously gave their time, talent, money and supplies. You are the **BEST!!***

***YES** to all **2,950** of you that called for advice on your specific wildlife situation. As partners we can create a world where wildlife & people thrive together!*

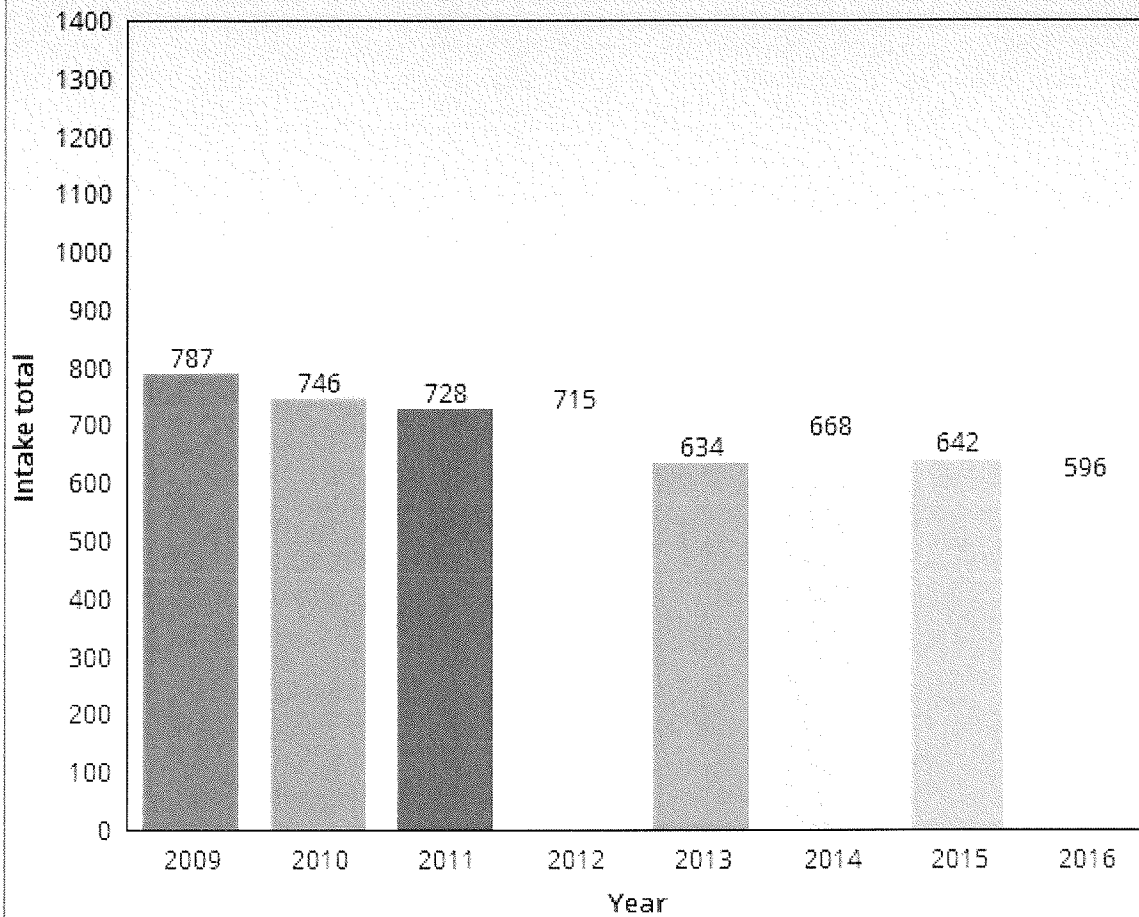
2017 will give us paws!



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Shelter Dog Intake

2009-2016



Shelter Cat Intake

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