

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Community Health Agency - Department of Animal Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 9, 2004

SUBJECT: Humane Society of the United States Audit Task Force Members

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive and File

BACKGROUND/APPOINTEE INFORMATION:

On Dec. 16, 2003, agenda item 3.2, the Board of Supervisors directed the Executive Office to solicit proposals for an independent, expert audit of the Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. On Jan. 27, 2004 the Board approved item 3.2, referring the results of the audit to a select committee for review and recommendations on improving shelter operations in Riverside and elsewhere in the county. On Feb. 10, 2004, agenda item 3.4, the Board of Supervisors authorized the county purchasing agent to negotiate a contract with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to conduct the audit.

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Roger Umanski II, Acting Director of Animal Services

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	n/a
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	n/a

SOURCE OF FUNDS: n/a	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Dept't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref • 12/16/03 Item 3.2;
1/27/04 Item 3.2, 2/10/04 Item 3.4;
8/10/04 Item 16.3

District: All

Agenda Number:

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BACKGROUND/APPOINTEE INFORMATION (continued):

The complete audit report, with findings and recommendations from HSUS, was delivered to the county on Aug. 6, 2004. On Aug. 10, 2004, the Board approved item 16.3 and directed the Department of Animal Services to convene a task force within three weeks to review the recommendations. The Board requested a report from the task force within six months.

The HSUS report suggested that such a task force should include:

- A veterinarian familiar with shelters
- A City of Riverside budget expert
- A shelter representative
- A community member with experience in strategic and short-term planning
- An expert in animal welfare
- A legal expert
- A member of the City / County Shelter Advisory Board

Based on the composition the HSUS suggested, discussions during the board meeting and consultation with the city, a slightly different member composition was created. The department has invited the following people to serve on the task force. Each person has accepted the invitation.

- Siobhan Foster, City of Riverside deputy director of Public Works
- Roger Uminski II, acting Animal Services director
- Craig Manning, community member with strategic and short-term planning experience
- Laura Pearson-Densmore, Riverside Humane Society pet adoption director
- Aurora Kerr, Coachella Valley Association of Governments community resources director

It was agreed that a veterinarian should be part of the task force. As of Sept. 9, 2004, the department has not yet identified a veterinarian to serve.

The task force will solicit input from citizens who volunteered during the July open forums to participate in animal-services improvements. The Blue Ribbon Committee is a resource for the task force. They have been grappling with many of the same issues and should be able to provide valuable background, research and recommendations. County counsel will be asked to provide legal advice to the task force as needed.

The department will present the task force report to the Board in February 2005.