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

**FROM:** Community Health Agency – Department of Animal Services

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
March 17, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Update on HSUS Task Force and Director Recruitment

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Receive and File Attached Reports

**BACKGROUND:** The Executive Office hired the Humane Society of the United States to audit the Animal Services Department. The audit was conducted in April 2004 and the results of the audit were reported to the Board of Supervisors in August. The Board referred the report to a select committee for review and recommendations on how to improve operations at the shelter in Riverside and elsewhere in the county. The attached report provides an update on the Task Force progress to date.

Robert Miller has been selected as the new Animal Services Director. Feb 14 was his first day of service. He spent the first 30 days reviewing reports and news articles related to DAS, meeting with staff, touring facilities, meeting the county animal services partners and associates and meeting associates in the county. Mr. Miller has worked with his staff to develop a new vision, values and mission statement for the department. He is currently working to develop a three year plan which he will present to the Board in a workshop.

Departmental Concurrence

ROGER UMINSKI II  
Community Health Agency Administrative Director

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NA/
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 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

- Policy
- Consent
- Policy
- Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 12/06/03 Item 3.2; District: All Agenda Number:  
 1/27/04 Item 3.2; 2/10/04 Item 3.4;  
 8/10/04 Item 16.3 2/1/05 Item 2.4

**Monthly HSUS Task Force Update  
From the Community Health Agency  
To the Board of Supervisors  
March 17, 2005**

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**CURRENT STATUS**

The Task Force has met twice since the last update in Feb. The Orange Belt Veterinary Association has designated Dr. Roy Saldana to be their representative on the Task Force. The Task Force has elected to bring in a facilitator to assist with the process. They have also elected to meet less frequently, but for a longer period of time at each meeting. Sub-groups have been formed to address specific issues and conduct research between meetings for presentation to the entire group. These changes have lead to more productivity.

Both of the newest Task Force members, Dr. Saldana and Ken Williams have toured the Riverside City-County shelter. Dr. Saldana also spent a half day with one of our officers to observe practices in the field.

There was discussion about the appropriate role of the Task Force after submission of the report.

The Task Force is scheduled to meet next March 28 and is targeting April 12 as the day to present their report and recommendations to the Board.