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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Tavaglione

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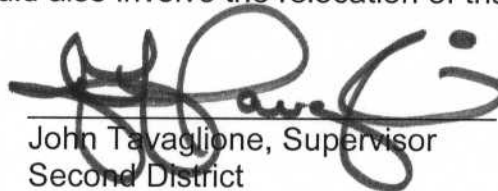
SUBJECT: Western Riverside County Animal Shelter – Wilderness Facility

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Office, in cooperation with the Economic Development Agency, Animal Services and Facilities Management, to relocate the Western Riverside County Animal Shelter on Wilderness Avenue to the corner of Van Buren and Clay Street in Jurupa, with an anticipated opening within 24 months from approval of this directive.

BACKGROUND: The dramatic growth of the western-county and corresponding growth in the animal population, have rendered the Wilderness Avenue Animal Shelter obsolete and under-sized. In addition, the high temperatures of recent weeks resulted in the failure of the swamp coolers requiring the placement of expensive, temporary air units. The County could opt to install a new air conditioning system however; the facility will still be inadequate due to its size, a lack of indoor/outdoor kennels and poor building design. These conditions lead to the spread of airborne diseases. Other significant problems include inadequate drainage and poorly designed existing kennels.

Given the size, condition and configuration of the current facility and the lack of available land surrounding it for an expansion, it is clear that it needs to be relocated to a larger site.

Therefore, it is recommended that a new animal shelter project be fast tracked by the Economic Development Agency in order to relocate the facility to the site of the Riverside County Transportation Sub-Yard at the corner of Clay Street and Van Buren Boulevard, just north of the Santa Ana River. This would also involve the relocation of that facility, which can be accomplished during this time.



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