

**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 24, 2007

SUBJECT: Ratify the Third Amendment to the Agreement with City of Hemet.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Ratify the Third Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Hemet and the Riverside County Community Health Agency for the performance period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$194,434; and,
- 2) Authorize the Chairperson to execute four (4) original copies of the Agreement on behalf of the County of Riverside.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Department of Animal Services has been providing Field and Shelter Services for the City of Hemet since August 1, 2003. The animal control activities provided consist of safe-guarding the City of Hemet's domestic and wild animals, promoting the humane treatment of animals, as well as enforcing the City of Hemet's Ordinances and State laws relating to animal control.

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RM: kbk

Paige M. Hamill for
Robert Miller, Director of Animal Services
Paige M. Hamill, Division Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 194,434	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	07/08

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% funded by the City of Hemet.	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

Policy

Consent

Dept Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 12/16/03 item 3.5; **District:** 3 **Agenda Number:**
01/31/06 item 3.3; 07/25/06 item 3.11

ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

3.14

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *K. Keeler* 10-04-07
MARSHA L. VICTOR DATE
Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND: (continued)

The City of Hemet's animals are housed at Ramona Humane Society with the County being the conduit through which these animals are placed.

In August, 2007, Ramona Humane Society notified the Department that they would begin charging \$35.11 for all animals turned in to the shelter by their owner beginning January, 2008. Currently, the cost for an owner turn-in is borne by the animal owner; however, RHS has noticed that, when an owner doesn't have the means to pay the turn-in fee, they take the animal and dump it down the street. Once this happens, it becomes a stray animal for the County to pick up and runs the risk of getting hit by a car and causing a traffic accident. By agreeing to take the animal free of charge, in order to prevent this from occurring, RHS has decided to charge \$35.11 for each owner turn-in and omit the cost to the owner. This, along with the increase of stray animals turned in to RHS, has increased the cost of providing field and shelter services from \$170,514 to \$194,434.

The funding of \$194,434 has been included in the Fiscal Year 07/08 budget; therefore, no budget adjustment is needed.