

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



ITEM: 3.3  
(ID # 28691)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

**FROM :** ANIMAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** ANIMAL SERVICES: Approval of Animal Services Contract Rates for Contract Cities for Field and Shelter Services for Fiscal Years 2025/2026 through 2027/2028; All Districts. [\$50,044,696 Total Contract City Revenue 100%]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and Adopt the rates as listed on Attachment A for contract animal shelter and field services for contract cities for fiscal years 2025/2026 through 2027/2028 consistent with Board Policy B-4.

**ACTION:** 4/5 Vote Required, Policy

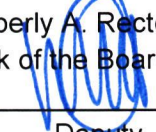
  
Kim Youngberg 10/7/2025

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: October 28, 2025  
xc: Animal Services

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>FY 25-26</b>	<b>FY 26-27</b>	<b>FY 27-28</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$14,060,380	\$17,001,649	\$18,982,667	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% Contract Revenue			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 25/26-27/28	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Department of Animal Services (DAS) is submitting for approval to increase rates based on the “Piece of Pie Methodology” used by MGT America Consulting, LLC (“MGT”) for FY 2025-2026 on all contracts with our partner Cities. DAS provides services to the unincorporated areas of Riverside County, as well as 15 contract cities within Riverside County. City contracts include service provisions for a combination of sheltering, licensing, and field services. Each city enters into a negotiated contract with the County for DAS services subject to both Board of Supervisors and City approval.

A rates study was conducted to determine full cost recovery of fees charged to the Cities for services. Upon review of the study, it was determined that a more balanced approach is needed between the cost to the County to provide animal services and what is a reasonable expectation for the Cities to pay for these services. Based on the MGT methodology used, field labor rates will increase by 5% for FY25/26, FY26/27, and FY27/28, and shelter rate increases will be distributed over a three-year phase-in period.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The proposed FY 2025-2026 rates are necessary to keep up with the on-going operational costs associated with providing efficient services and essential programs to Riverside County residents and their animals. In fact, during fiscal year 2024/2025 (from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025), the DAS impounded over 36,513 animals. To help decrease the amount of impounds at the shelters, staff remain dedicated to reuniting pets with their owners and we encourage residents to do the same. Our shelter team works tirelessly to promptly find loving homes for animals which reduces their length of stay. Some of the public services that the department offers are mobile spay and neuter clinics, wellness clinics, and adoption events. These efforts also help reduce costs for City partners, improve shelter conditions and lower euthanasia rates.

On May 20, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2025-133 committing the County of Riverside to become a No-Kill Community through Minute Order 3.71, Item #27983, with the goal of having 90% of the companion animals that enter the County shelter facilities leave alive. The increase in contract rates will assist DAS to continue providing high quality services and program to the public and animals and make this goal attainable.

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Furthermore, Board Policy B-4 requires full cost recovery for the actual cost of providing the services to the cities to ensure that the County is not subsidizing other public agencies to the detriment of the County's own operations.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The revenue forecast for FY 25/26 under the current rate schedule is \$14,060,380. If the proposed rates are approved, revenue is estimated to increase to \$18,982,667 for FY 2027/2028 with a variance of \$4,922,287.

**Sample table:**

Service	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
Animal Control Officer	\$4,997,325	\$5,375,168
Animal Control Officer Overtime	\$755,088	\$810,665
Sheltering Services	\$8,307,967	\$10,815,816
<b>Total Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$14,060,380</b>	<b>\$17,001,649</b>

**ATTACHMENT:**

A. Summary of City Charges

  
Douglas Cardonez Jr. 10/15/2025

  
Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 10/8/2025

City	year one	Year Two	Year Three	Total
Blythe	170,649	239,849	285,983	696,481
Calimesa	24,145	37,102	45,741	106,988
Cathedral City	313,360	396,658	452,190	1,162,208
Coachella	343,678	422,292	474,700	1,240,670
Eastvale	169,866	273,507	342,600	785,973
Hemet	929,298	1,031,897	1,100,295	3,061,490
Indian Wells	5,747	13,509	18,683	37,939
Indio	458,638	634,558	751,839	1,845,035
Jurupa Valley	1,481,290	1,717,314	1,874,662	5,073,266
La Quinta	104,701	163,756	203,126	471,583
Palm Desert	198,014	233,196	256,652	687,862
Perris	789,593	984,584	1,114,579	2,888,756
Rancho Mirage	50,583	92,458	120,374	263,415
Riverside	2,549,613	3,666,372	4,410,879	10,626,864
San Jacinto	718,792	908,764	1,035,411	2,662,967
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,307,967</b>	<b>10,815,816</b>	<b>12,487,714</b>	<b>31,611,497</b>

Based off of rate sheets for each city