

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



**ITEM: 3.11  
(ID # 29334)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, December 09, 2025

**FROM :** ANIMAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** ANIMAL SERVICES: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-296, Authorizing the Director of Riverside County Department of Animal Services, or Designee, to Accept the Distribution from the Audrey Sporleder Trust Separate Property Trust Dated December 1, 2002; All Districts. [\$0.00 Total Cost - Donation/Trust Funding 100%]

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

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-296, Authorizing the Director of Riverside County Department of Animal Services, or Designee, to Accept the Distribution from the Audrey Sporleder Trust Separate Property Trust Dated December 1, 2002; and
2. Authorize the Director of Animal Services, or designee, to administer this donation made to the Department of Animal Services.

**ACTION: Policy**

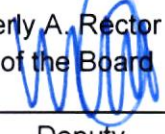
  
Kim Youngberg 11/13/2025

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Medina, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez 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: December 9, 2025  
xc: Animal Services

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Donation Funding</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 25/26</b>	

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In April of 2025, Riverside County Department of Animal Services (RCDAS) received correspondence from Desert Law Group informing RCDAS that it was named as one of several beneficiaries of the Audrey Sporleder Separate Property Trust (Trust) dated December 1, 2002. Should any property be left over after distribution to named beneficiaries, RCDAS will take a 1/13 share divided among several charities. The amount of the distribution is unknown at this time.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 25355, the Board may accept or reject any gift, bequest, or devise made to the County for any public purpose.

This donation will go into the Department's Care Fund and will be used to help stray and abandoned pets. This will address the need to provide safe, stable, and permanent homes for homeless and abandoned animals.

Staff recommend the approval of Resolution No. 2025-296, authorizing the Director of RCDAS, or designee, to accept and administer the distribution from the Trust.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

This donation will have a positive impact on residents and homeless and abandoned animals of Riverside County. Donations enable the Department of Animal Services to promote adoption of pets into loving homes by directing these funds to build resources in areas of greatest need.

**ATTACHMENT:**

- A. Resolution No. 2025-296
- B. Notification Letter

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Douglas Ordóñez Jr. 12/1/2025

  
Amrit Dhillon 11/19/2025

  
Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 11/19/2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-296**

**AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES, OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT THE DISTRIBUTION FROM THE AUDREY SPORLEDER SEPARATE PROPERTY TRUST DATED DECEMBER 1, 2002**

**WHEREAS**, in April of 2025, Riverside County Department of Animal Services (“RCDAS”) received correspondence from Desert Law Group informing RCDAS that it was named as one of several charitable beneficiaries of the Audrey Sporleder Separate Property Trust (“Trust”);

**WHEREAS**, the time for interested parties to object to distribution of the Trust’s assets has passed;

**WHEREAS**, in Section 7.01, the Trust proposes distribution to RCDAS in undetermined 1/13 share held in the Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 25355, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors may accept or reject any gift, bequest, or devise made to or in favor of the County for any public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the donation of these funds will promote the adoption of homeless and abandoned animals into loving homes and building resources in areas of greatest need.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California (the “Board”), in regular session assembled on December 9, 2025, at 9:30 A.M., or soon thereafter in the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors located on the first floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, authorizes and accepts the donation of \$0.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED** that the Riverside County Department of Animal Services Director, or designee, accept, and administer this devise made out to or in favor of the Department of Animal Services.

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: AG DATE: 11/18/2025  
BY: AMR DATE: 11/18/2025

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-296

4 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
5 ANIMAL SERVICES, OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT THE DISTRIBUTION FROM THE  
6 AUDREY SPORLEDER SERPARATE PROPERTY TRUST DATED DECEMBER 1, 2002

7 ROLL CALL:

8 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

9 Nays: None

10 Absent: None

11 Abstain: None

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13 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of  
14 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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16 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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18 By:  \_\_\_\_\_

19 Deputy



74-916 Highway111  
Indian Wells, CA 92210  
760 776 9977 phone  
760 406 5053 fax  
DESERTLAWGROUP.COM

April 30, 2025

*Via Certified Mail*

Riverside County Department of Animal Services Coachella Valley Animal Campus  
72-050 Pet Land Place  
Thousand Palms, California 92276

**Re: The Audrey Sporleder Separate Property Trust dated December 1, 2002**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This office represents Betty West in her capacity as Trustee of the Audrey Sporleder Separate Property Trust dated December 1, 2002 (the "Trust"). Audrey Sporleder, also known as Audrey Lillian Sporleder, provided a gift to your organization in her Trust.

Upon Audrey Lillian Sporleder's demise, the Trust became irrevocable. Under California law, the Trustee is required to send your organization the enclosed formal Notification. The Trustee has elected to enclose a true and complete copy of the Audrey Sporleder Separate Property Trust dated December 1, 2002, as restated September 29, 2010. We also enclose a Receipt of Copy of Instrument ("*Receipt*"). Please sign the Receipt and return it to us in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you prefer, you may return the signed Receipt by facsimile to (760) 406-5053 or by email to [maureen@desertlawgroup.com](mailto:maureen@desertlawgroup.com).

Please be advised that because we represent the Trustee, we are unable to provide your organization with legal advice concerning its interest as a beneficiary of the Trust. If your organization has any questions regarding its rights and interests with respect to the Trust, please have your organization consult its own attorney. If your organization has general questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Slagley', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Joseph A. Slagley  
Attorney at Law

MPK:jas  
Enclosures  
cc: Betty West, Trustee (without enclosure)

**NOTIFICATION BY TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO  
PROBATE CODE SECTION 16061.7**

Audrey Sporleder, also known as Audrey Lillian Sporleder, executed the Audrey Sporleder Separate Property Trust (the "Trust") in her capacity as Trustor and Trustee on December 1, 2002, and thereafter restated the Trust in its entirety on September 29, 2010. On March 22, 2025, Audrey Lillian Sporleder died. Pursuant to Probate Code Section 16061.7, the successor Trustee provides the following Notification:

1. The name, mailing address and telephone number of the Trustee of the Audrey Sporleder Separate Property Trust dated December 1, 2002 is as follows:

Betty West, Trustee  
18354 Collins Street, #C  
Tarzana, California 91356  
(818) 522-4554

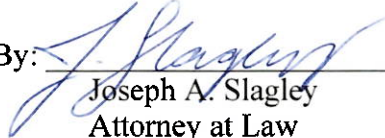
2. The address of the principal place of Trust administration pursuant to Probate Code Section 17002 is as follows:

Desert Law Group  
74-916 Highway 111  
Indian Wells, CA 92210  
Telephone (760) 776-9977  
Facsimile: (760) 406-5053

3. **YOU MAY NOT BRING AN ACTION TO CONTEST THE TRUST MORE THAN 120 DAYS FROM THE DATE THIS NOTIFICATION BY THE TRUSTEE IS SERVED UPON YOU OR 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH A COPY OF THE TERMS OF THE TRUST IS DELIVERED TO YOU DURING THAT 120-DAY PERIOD, WHICHEVER IS LATER.**
4. You are entitled to request from the Trustee a true and complete copy of the "Terms of the Trust," as that term is defined in Section 16060.5 of the Probate Code. However, the Trustee has elected to enclose with this Notification a true and complete copy of the entire Trust.

Dated: April 30, 2025

Desert Law Group  
Attorney for Betty West, Trustee

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph A. Slagley  
Attorney at Law

**Receipt of Copy of Instrument**  
**(Please provide all information requested)**

The undersigned received a copy of the Audrey Sporleder Separate Property Trust dated December 1, 2002, as restated on September 29, 2010.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Designated Representative of the Riverside County  
Department of Animal Services Coachella Valley  
Animal Campus

Charitable Organization:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

EIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the Receipt of Copy of Instrument via mail, facsimile to (760) 406-5053, or email to [Maureen@desertlawgroup.com](mailto:Maureen@desertlawgroup.com).