

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to ask that the Board of Supervisors vote to reinstate the cooperative service agreement with Wildlife Services. Through this agreement the IWDM program can continue to use both non-lethal and lethal means in order to assist property owners, businesses, private citizens and other agencies in resolving wildlife damage issues. Non-lethal technical assistance is needed and often helps to improve wildlife damage situations, but there are times when lethal alternatives are required. Limiting a IWDM program to only non-lethal options is a disservice to the residents of the county who could face situations with wildlife damage that are unresolvable without a lethal option administered by a trained professional such as Wildlife Services staff. Without these trained professionals, it is likely that non-lethal means will become the standard, rather than the last resort. Thank you.

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