



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Haschak

Meeting Date: March 23, 2021

Department Contact: Supervisor Haschak

Phone: 463-4441

Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 Mins

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction to Staff to Author (1) a Resolution to Terminate Cooperative Services Agreement (CSA) with USDA Wildlife Services; and 2) a Resolution to Vest Administrative Responsibility for Implementation of the Mendocino County Non-Lethal Wildlife Damage Management Program with the Mendocino County Animal Care Services
(Sponsor: Supervisor Haschak)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Direct staff to author a Resolution to terminate Cooperative Services Agreement (CSA) with USDA Wildlife Services; and author a Resolution to vest administrative responsibility for implementation of the Mendocino County Non-Lethal Wildlife Damage Management Program with Mendocino County Animal Care Services.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Board of Supervisors approved the contract for the Wildlife Services contract for Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program on December 17, 2019. On February 25, 2020, the BOS received a presentation from Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue.

Summary of Request:

Mendocino County has contracted with USDA Wildlife Services program at a cost of \$170,000 per year. This program has been very controversial. Terminating this program requires a three month notification. The funds saved could be used for a non-lethal program and consolidation of the Animal Care, Animal Control, and Wildlife Services into one department. Animal Control has been part of the Sheriff's office but the Sheriff would like to transfer it over to Animal Care. Consolidating the different wildlife and animal control services under Animal Care in a non-lethal program will provide for efficiencies, better trained staff, improved infrastructure, and greater opportunities to educate the public. A fee for service schedule for services will be implemented. Sonoma County Animal Rescue will provide training on non-lethal exclusionary tactics for Mendocino County staff. The transfer of Animal Control and Wildlife Services responsibilities to Animal Care should be completed by July, 2022.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide other direction to staff or take no action.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: March 25, 2021

Final Status: Direction Given to Staff

