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SPCA

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

## Letter of Intent

This letter authorizes Placer County and the Placer Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Placer SPCA) to commence formal organizational, operational and facilities planning of co-located animal care and sheltering facilities on a single South Placer campus. This model of public-private partnership provides a comprehensive approach to planning and delivering quality animal care services for local communities and has been successfully implemented in many jurisdictions across the country and in Canada.

Under this model, the publicly-funded Placer County Animal Services facility would provide field and sheltering services for stray and abandoned animals required of Counties and municipalities. The privately-funded, Placer SPCA facility would house animals awaiting adoption and would provide a variety of community education services. While both organizations would remain independent and continue to fulfill their separate and distinct roles in the community, the joint operational and co-located facilities model is anticipated to yield greater efficiencies and to enhance overall service quality to the people and animals of Placer County. Some of the advantages of this model include:

- Public convenience in visiting both facilities at the same time if searching for a lost animal or for a new companion animal;
- Staff ease in transferring animals between the two facilities and in operating a joint foster-care program with other non-profits;
- Sharing of resources such as information on investigation cases, behavioral assessments, and staff training and development;
- Development of a resource center for the community to receive assistance for any animal related needs such as training classes, behavioral consultations for any of their animal related services.

Based on the extensive experience in programming and design of animal shelter facilities, along with their past work with Placer County and the Placer SPCA, both agencies recommend continuing to contract with George Miers & Associates (GMA) for the pre-planning, architectural and engineering services associated with the design and construction of the co-located facilities.

This letter is not legally binding upon either party and is presented as a good faith expression of intent to develop complimentary services and facilities.

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Placer County Board of Supervisors

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