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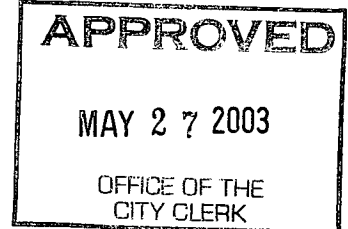
ANIMAL CARE SERVICES DIVISION

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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session



**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO SHARE IN PROGRAM COSTS FOR
SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S WILDLIFE SERVICES PROGRAM**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide, All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends City Council adopt the attached resolution approving the expenditure of \$17,818 from the Public Works Department budget to help fund Sacramento County's Wildlife Services Program that provides wildlife services to the residents of the City of Sacramento and other county areas.

CONTACT PERSON: Hector Cazares, Animal Care Services Manager 264-7433

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: May 27, 2003

SUMMARY:

The County of Sacramento's Wildlife Services Program has been jointly funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, Sacramento County, and the State of California. The program is administered by the County's Agricultural Commissioner Office. Recently, the State has withdrawn funding for this program. This has forced the County to ask participating cities to help share in the cost of the program based on services provided. Services include responding to citizen requests for assistance in dealing with wildlife such as opossums, skunks, raccoons, bats and other wild animals. The County determined that the residents of the City of Sacramento account for 24% of the calls that they responded to over the last year.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Wildlife Services Program is intended to provide affordably priced and dependable professional assistance in managing wild animals on public and private property that present human or animal health problems or cause damage to personal property or domestic animals. Services are offered to all county residents without regard to whether they reside in an incorporated city or in the unincorporated area of the county.

Because Sacramento County is a rabies endemic area with abundant natural habitat favoring skunk populations, skunk control has been a primary focus of the program. However, raccoons also pose a serious human health threat since they can carry raccoon roundworm. Raccoon roundworm is an insidious parasite and, although it seldom infects humans, when it does it is generally young children that are most vulnerable to possible debilitating brain damage or even death.

For several years the County has collected a small \$20.00 service fee from customers requesting service. This fee was never intended to recover the full cost of the program, but to ensure participation by the homeowner and to encourage the customer to take the necessary steps to discourage skunks and other problem animals from frequenting their property.

In order to keep this service available to all residents of the county at the current reasonable cost, the County is asking that the cities participate in the cost of the program. The total program budget for FY2001-02 was \$134,154 with the federal government paying approximately 33% of the cost and the county contributing the remaining 66%. Revenues that offset a portion of the county share from direct fees to customers are projected at \$14,000. The unincorporated portion of the county continues to receive approximately 56% of the service and the County will continue to contribute that level of support to the program.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Department of Public Works has sufficient funds to support the County's Wildlife Services Program in the amount of \$17,818 in the Office of the Director operating budget. The cost of this program will be offset by the services provided.

The breakdown of costs for each incorporated area is based on a four-year average usage pattern. Share of cost per agency for the upcoming fiscal year is as follows:

JURISDICTION	PERCENT*	SHARE OF COST
Customer Fees		Budgeted \$14,000.00
Current Federal Share		\$44,950.00
Unincorporated Area	55.98%	\$42,950.00
City of Sacramento	23.69%	\$17,818.56
Rancho Cordova	4.22%	\$3,176.12
Isleton	.11%	\$80.75
Galt	.54%	\$403.74
Folsom	4.87%	\$3,660.61
Elk Grove	2.97%	\$2,234.05
Citrus Heights	7.62%	\$5,733.16
Total Jurisdictional Cost	100%	\$75,204.00
TOTAL PROGRAM COST		\$134,154.00

* Percent is calculated only on portion remaining after Federal Share and fees are deducted

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The City Council's action in approving this recommendation is solely for the purpose of sharing in program costs and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. This project does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

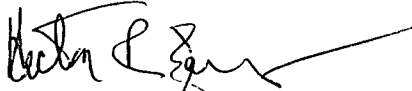
The action requested herein is consistent with the City of Sacramento's Strategic Plan goal of enhancing and preserving the neighborhoods. The recommended support of the County Wildlife Services Program serves the residents of our city by providing services for dealing with wildlife that may interfere with residential living.

City Council
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ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

No goods or services are being provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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Division Manager, Animal Care Services

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

Approved:



Thomas V. Lee
Deputy City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-323

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$17,818 FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO HELP FUND SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S WILDLIFE SERVICES PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES WILDLIFE SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND OTHER AREAS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

The resolution to authorize funding of Sacramento County's Wildlife Services Program in the amount of \$17,818 from funding source 101-310-3111-4258 of the Public Works Department budget is hereby approved.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.: _____

DATE ADOPTED: _____