New Agency Would Govern Animal Services In Sutter County

The Sutter County Board of Supervisors approved the creation of the Sutter Animal Services Authority on Nov. 8. The Board signed a proposed Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) and appointed two County supervisors to sit on the new agency’s Board of Directors.

If the cities of Live Oak and Yuba City approve the JPA, the Sutter Animal Services Authority (SASA) would become the new governing authority for animal control services throughout Sutter County.

The County of Sutter will continue as the lead agency providing animal control services until a new animal shelter is constructed. When the new shelter is completed, the City of Yuba City will become the lead agency as well as the employing agency for animal control services personnel.

Decisions about the level and nature of animal care services will become the responsibility of the SASA Board of Directors, which will be comprised of two Sutter County Supervisors, two members of the Yuba City Council, and two members of the Live Oak City Council.

Second District Supervisor Stanley Cleveland Jr. and Third District Supervisor Larry Munger were appointed to the SASA Board of Directors for Sutter County.

The City of Yuba City will consider the JPA and board appointees on Nov. 15. The City of Live Oak will consider the JPA and board appointees on Nov. 16.