

Transcript

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TT **Tran, Tiffany** 0:18
Whatever.
Good morning, everyone. Can you hear me?

CF **Christine Frias** 0:25
Yes.

CK **Cross, Kelly** 0:26
Yes.

TT **Tran, Tiffany** 0:28
Gonna go ahead and get started.
We're having some tech issues in the room, so we're gonna.
Just have this on teams.
Welcome to community services cluster.
We will start with board introduction starting with SD1.

DG **Duran-Medina, Guadalupe** 0:43
Hello, good morning.
This is Guadalupe with ST1.

TT **Tran, Tiffany** 0:51
Thank you SD too.

SM **Sanchez, Manny** 0:56
Hi everyone.

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LF Lopez, Francisco 0:56
Please.

SM Sanchez, Manny 0:56
Manny Sanchez ST2.

LF Lopez, Francisco 0:59
Francisco as well.

TT Tran, Tiffany 1:03
Thank you, SC3.
Emily Ellison, SD 3 Aaron, Rhode Island, St. 3.

FR Fox, Rachel 1:09
Rachel Fox SD3.

TT Tran, Tiffany 1:13
Thank you ST4.

CK Cross, Kelly 1:17
Kelly cross.

TT Tran, Tiffany 1:17
What's up?
Stephan Garcia.
Yeah. And I'm Tiffany Tran with ST5.
Moving on to department head, starting with agricultural Commissioner waits and measures.

ES English, Stephanie 1:33
Hey, Tiffany, it's Stephanie.
English SD5.
Just jumping in to let you know I'm here.

TT Tran, Tiffany 1:38

Oh, hi Steph.

Agricultural, Agricultural Commissioner weights and measures.

Animal care and control.

DU Danny Ubario 1:57

Daniel Bardo, chief deputy director, animal care and control, and I have staff present at the meeting.

TT Tran, Tiffany 2:03

Thank you, beaches and hearse.

GJ Gary Jones 2:07

Good morning, Gary Jones, beaches and harbors.

TT Tran, Tiffany 2:11

Thank you Parks and rec.

AO Astrid Ochoa 2:15

Ask her to Choi here for director Garcia Gonzalez.

TT Tran, Tiffany 2:19

Thank you, Public Library.

GR Grace Reyes 2:22

Grace Reyes, admin deputy here for Doctor Patrick.

TT Tran, Tiffany 2:27

Thank you public works.

AG Angela George-Moody 2:33

Hello, Angela.

George Moody, Chief deputy public works.

TT **Tran, Tiffany** 2:38

Thank you.
Regional planning.
CEO.
It was like the CEO.
Thank you.
Can you please?

CF **Christine Frias** 3:09

I'm sorry, but we don't hear anything.

DK **David Korsak** 3:12

Sorry about that.
We have one motion today, so today's meeting will be recorded.
The motion is from SD3, adopting the 2025 our County Sustainability Plan, a comprehensive vision for Los Angeles County's continued environmental health and success.
We also have one presentation from the Department of Animal Care Control on the mandatory spay and neuter and microchipping ordinances presented by Winnie Duong at Bradley Kim and Chris Kazar.
And now we will go ahead and start with the motion from SD3.

KR **Kampalath, Rita** 3:56

OK.

DK **David Korsak** 4:01

Take a second, but if that's your preference, OK, great.
It's a good afternoon. Morning.
This is Aaron. From the third district.
Sorry for the audio.
Just at the start of this, so the supervisor Horvath is introducing a motion.
As presented, which is adopting the 2025, our County Sustainability Plan, a comprehensive vision for LA County's continued environmental health and success.
This motion.

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Is about adopting the plan as the policy of the board.

Our office approached the CSO several weeks ago with interest of bringing, bringing forward a motion about formally adopting the plan.

And we learned that this at today's Community services cluster, we would be there was actually already a plan to give an update about our county.

So just wanted to say thank you to the to the Chair's office for allowing us to go a little out of order.

Order here, hearing this motion today, so that we only the group have to talk about it once. And then for this motion to go on November 4th. So three weeks from from from now.

I think what probably makes the most sense would be to turn to the Chief Sustainability Office to actually give the their plan presentation about our county and then I can briefly come back and just explain what are some of the moving clauses in the motion and if with.

That I'd pass it on.

Want to to read A and Victoria from the CSO?

KR **Kampalath, Rita** 5:40

All right, great.

Thanks everyone and just wanted to confirm that you can hear. It sounds like you can hear me.

Audio is coming through.

Alright. Yeah. Thanks Erin for that intro and thank you all for letting us be here today.

We are very excited to be at this milestone after over a year of really hard work by our team led by Victoria, who's here with me today. First of all, just to confirm how much time do I have, I wanted to make sure that I don't go over.

About 10 minutes, OK.

So try to keep it.

Keep it brief.

So, you know, definitely a challenge going into this. You know updating something as large as the our county plan, we definitely the weight of revising that plan which has really been the guiding document for the county on all sustainability policy including for our departmental partners.

It's bold and ambitious, but it was also very thoughtfully created plan that centered communities and really, comprehensively and holistically covers our region

sustainability challenges.

So if you can go to the next slide so.

Great. So with this revision to start off, we didn't seek to rewrite the plan.

We thought it was a really strong foundation, a lot of the goals were still very strong, but rather we were really thinking about thoughtfully revising it and updating it just to make sure that it can remain that North Star for the county for years to come. So you.

Know making sure that it is addressing the challenges that we have coming up for the future as well as any gaps that we may have recognized and also maintaining that holistic and ambitious approach.

So you know, I'm proud to say that I think that we achieved that today.

I'll provide a very brief overview of the process and the revisions that were made, including a deeper dive into some of the topics that were gap areas like climate resilience.

You'll see a lot more actions that are related to that, as well as just the process. We did want to stay true again to the original to have very equity driven engagement and you know, base a lot of the work on data analysis and have having progress target.

And things like that.

So next slide.

So here just a very high level overview of the timeline. The first few months when we started this project, we're really looking back on like what progress has been made to date and sort of what we achieved because we wanted to build on that work as we were.

Looking at the revision, the next phase, again a significant chunk of the time was about engagement.

I'll talk about that a little bit later.

About what?

The components of that process were.

We then, of course, went into revising that plan and and now we're just in the review. And finalizing of the plan is Erin mentioned.

We have a deadline to get it to all of you by the end of October and then hopefully to the board hearing in early November.

So next slide.

OK.

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So the next few slides I'm going to quickly go through like sort of the elements of the process.

So first of all, and you'll see a lot more detail about this in the plan. But we did do a pretty significant evaluation of our progress so far.

You know, we wanted to look at what had been achieved. We're happy to say that.

The majority of the actions that were named as priorities were either achieved or they're on track to be achieved by the timeline that we set out.

There are some that are not started, or maybe we're making progress, but not quite there.

A lot of those tend to be more long term actions.

But I think what this also told us is that there's a need to again like look forward.

What are the next steps on all of these actions and getting to the goals that we have? So next slide.

I wanted to just take a brief moment to just celebrate some of the great achievements.

That we've we've had, you know, huge, you know, thank you to all of our department partners who really led the way on a lot of these elements. And of course, your offices were often the authors and the initiators of a lot of this work as well. So it. Includes things like adoption of the oil well, ordinance creation of New Park lands, creation of the Clean Power Alliance, you know, protections for tenants and.

You know expanding our.

Our management of waste and organics as well next slide.

I'll go over this quickly, but this is just again part of what went into our thinking was making sure that we're reflecting on all the great planning work that's been done.

That's a little bit more specific on the specific on these different topics, again led by a lot of our departmental partners and making sure that we're using that as a basis for our work. Next slide. Thank you.

Thank you.

So next I'll talk briefly about the engagement process.

So this was a smaller engagement effort as compared to the first plan, which is probably not surprising since we weren't starting from scratch, but we still wanted to ensure that we're doing our best to reach a really diverse group of stakeholders and all the partners in our region.

So the process included multiple different, you know, different efforts and activities, one which I'll talk about in a little bit more detail was a county wide survey to get to

broadly geographic spread.

For residents, we got over 3000 responses, so that was kind of neat. We did outreach to our cities. Of course, the our county plan is supposed to be a regional plan and we work in collaboration with our cities. A lot of the the deep sort of topic.

Specific work with were with our thought partners, which are community based organizations, industry, local leadership.

So we held a number of kind of deep dive workshops on topics for those.

As well as specific outreach to our local tribal governments and town councils.

As well.

And then finally, we spoke to a number of state and regional actors again to more make sure that our goals and actions were aligned with some of the larger pieces of work that are happening in the area. Next slide.

OK.

I'll quickly go over this, but the next couple of slides, but this is just a little bit more information on the survey.

I think you all might find this interesting.

You know, we did breakdown some of the results based on supervisorial district, but we did try to get like a good geographic spread.

These are locations of pop-ups.

But the survey was also available virtually as well. If you go to the next slide, yeah, I can do that too.

Victoria, just the arrows. But yeah, just again, I don't think any of these would be surprising, but one of the top areas of interest or concern was air pollution.

Also, water pollution, affordable housing. But again, there is a lot more detail online on these results.

All right.

Like I said, we had more deep dives into in the workshops.

This is where we started identifying some of the gap areas and new topics that we wanted to cover. So as things like you know, Brownfield, how do we address those nature based solution, making sure that indigenous and tribal voices are really incorporated into our work in the process?

As well as implementation, we heard a lot about the need for supporting Community cohesion and resilience, probably unsurprisingly.

Also engaging our youth.

And then finally, like you know deeper into infrastructure and how do we actually

implement?

So looking at technical assistance and access to resources and things like that as well, and how the county can play a role in that kind of thing.

All right. So in the next few slides, I'll talk about the actual revisions that were made.

So just as a reminder, this is the structure of the sustainability plan.

We didn't change this really. And we actually kept our twelve goals, which are their broad aspirational statements.

We thought that they were still, like sort of Evergreen and really described the end state that we wanted to get to a lot of the work happened at the strategies, targets and actions level strategies.

Slightly more specific we.

Refined those from 40 from 37 to 33, we did a lot of work to refine and, you know, sort of reduce the number of targets from 49 to 32.

Still a lot, but more specific. And then with the actions, that was a lot of where the specific work went in.

So we went up to 179 from 159, but within that.

90 of them were revised and 69 of them are new. Fifty were removed.

For various reasons as well.

I will not go through this in detail, but this is just to note that we did do an evaluation of the targets that are in the plan and you'll see updated data on sort of where we are and how we're trending as a region over the past few.

Years.

And then here again, you know it's hard to summarize a plan this large, but we did want to just highlight a few emerging topics as well as some key new actions.

That's what I'll do in the next slide, but these are some of the topics that are maybe a little bit new for this revision.

So things like the blue economy, we wanted to ensure that, you know, we're recognizing the importance of our ocean coastal regions for our region's economy and.

You know, culture and community as well.

Once again, there was a lot of discussion.

About resilience. Whether it's community resilience in the form of resilience hubs but also climate resilience generally, wildfire and other things.

Tribal Indigenous partners also more work on the green economy and circularity again, so kind of thinking, a little bit more ambitiously and forward thinking in terms

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of how we deal with our resources going forward.

OK.

So again, I'm not gonna go through every goal here. Don't worry.

But just to highlight a few new actions, there are new actions on illegal dumping, for instance by a remediation methods.

These were just some of the new ideas that have come up. Also talking about battery storage systems were which weren't as much of A of an issue or an opportunity the first time around with the plan.

Again, just flipping through some different goals here with ecosystems and biodiversity.

Here we look at.

Wildlife crossings and habitat corridors, once again wanting to look at how the county can have more of a role in protecting our coastal.

Resources and habitats as well.

And then again, engaging our tribal partners in this work.

Looking at how we reach our carbon neutrality goals, we want to look at different types of renewable energies, both the benefits, but also the potential community impacts that can happen.

And then finally.

We highlighted one of these goals, which is more about sort of how we get the plan done, so governance and accountability. You'll see actions highlighting the need for best practices like sort of county wide, best practices on stakeholder engagement, establishing an office of Tribal affairs, which I know.

Is something the board has discussed a bit and then expanding youth engagement as well?

We know our youth are very concerned about a lot of these issues and want to make sure that they're they have a voice in our work.

Last slide, I'm going to talk about again, because climate resilience of course has become increasingly impactful in all of our communities. You know, have seen that unfortunately more and more.

So we did have a focus on climate resilience.

This is also a follow on to a board motion from a few years ago that asked us to develop a climate resilience initiative and strategy for the county.

So you will see 57 actions that are specifically related to climate resilience.

And these are addressing the hazards that were identified in our climate vulnerability

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assessment, which was a report that our office created a few years ago.
So we're kind of trying to take next steps on that. First, that first document, which
was an assessment planning and hopefully to implementation as well.
So with that very quick overview.
I can take questions or turn it over to Erin. If you had anything to add to that.

DK **David Korsak** 17:31
So I would.

KR **Kampalath, Rita** 17:32
So I would.

DK **David Korsak** 17:34
Oh wait.
Thank you.
Thank you so much, Rita.
Into the team that's worked really hard on this. I know for more than a year doing
this this refresh.
I guess.
Maybe it makes sense if there's any specific questions about the plan 1st and then I
can just briefly mention what the the moving clauses are of the motion and.
If you do get, do you agree, Rita?
That would make sense to OK.
OK.
Thank you for the presentation.
We'll go ahead and move on to any questions or comments.
Anyone from inside the room?
Not seeing this anyone online?
OK, not seeing anyone.
We're going to go ahead and move on to public comment if there anyone from the
public would like to speak, please raise your hand or press *6 and then you'll have
two minutes for public comment. OK, we have one, Jennifer.
Go ahead.
Sorry, we had to put the. OK. I'm sorry.

JC Jennifer Conant 18:42

Can you hear me?

Hi I'm an interested member of the public.

DK David Korsak 18:43

Yes.

JC Jennifer Conant 18:46

I'd like to know specifically what the county's plan is for spay and neutering specifically on the animals on Skid Row and the overcrowding.

DK David Korsak 18:53

I'm sorry we're only doing the public comment on the sorry, we're only doing public comment on the motion right now.

We'll move.

We'll have time for the presentation from animal Care after their presentation. No worries, no worries.

JC Jennifer Conant 19:00

OK.

I'm so sorry, OK.

Thank you. I wasn't.

I wasn't certain.

I wasn't in the beginning of the meeting, so thank you so much.

DK David Korsak 19:08

I believe I saw one other hand.

JC Jennifer Conant 19:08

Say that.

DK David Korsak 19:11

Was there someone else who wanted to speak?

OK, I'm not saying anything.

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So now we'll go ahead and move on to Department of Animal Care and Control for their presentation, OK.

Can I actually finish up with them by itself?

No, that's OK.

Sorry, that was a little thought.

A little disjointed.

So just to closeout the motion that that we're introducing again for November 4th would be about formally adopting this refreshed our county sustainability plan as the North Star, the the policy of the board and what we are going to aspirationally work towards over the next five years.

I I know this is a very ambitious plan and it's an ambition that is merited given the sort of the climate risks that we're facing.

I know we've been dealing with our greatest natural disaster ever, and the fires from January. We see it with so many different areas, from pollution from to our water to our air. And you know from our coastlines up through our, through our hillsides.

But I also reflect that there was a the last plan mostly was during the COVID years when it launched and there was still some tremendous accomplishments made.

So this is an important continuing to work and that ambitious level is very important. The other moving clauses here talk about how some of the departments that were named previously in this plan didn't exist five years ago or six years ago when this plan was released.

So it's just making sure that they're formally part of the reporting and the implementation structure. Similarly ensuring that departments are part of the.

The the sort of Leadership Council that they've set up to, for, to work even closer in implementation.

There's an instruction about having key departments designate an individual to oversee our county related budget requests and to work with the Chief Sustainability Office and CEO.

For preparing and advancing those those submissions that's aligned with the climate budget work that's been developed by the CSO and and CEO over the last couple years.

Similarly, I'd ask ISD to publish the municipal greenhouse gas inventory every five years and use those results to inform efforts and ensure their continued progress.

So that's me, just having another the board has already directed them to create this document, but this is about making sure that.

The reporting doesn't have to be done every year, does you know it's not gonna change tremendously year to year, but making sure that in a five year cycle, there's there's a chance for that to be completed and then informed progress before there's a new sustainability plan. And then?

It asks for granting, extending the granted delegated authority for CSO to apply for grants related to this work identified here, directing the CSO to report annually to the board on implementation of.

The plan.

And then requesting that the next update to this plan be in another five years.

So that's the overview of what's being proposed here, and if there's any questions, happy to answer them. But I think again, thank you to the CSO for your overview of the plan and all your work.

Add.

KR **Kampalath, Rita** 23:10

Turn WI turn Wi-Fi on.

Great. OK.

And.

So so to clarify, do you mean like sort of across the whole plan like a funding strategy?

Yeah.

Yeah.

So the plan does have a goal. Goal 12, which talks about funding and different approaches that we might use. And I think that's something that we have a fairly good understanding of now like being six years into it of the different sources we would approach and I'm sure.

You're aware of things like you know Prop 4, which we're tracking very closely and we would definitely look to that as a source.

As well as you know when when grants are available on the federal or state level, that is something we we track very closely.

It it, it would be challenging to try to, you know, do something ahead of time because the nature of the plan is that it is a 20 year plan.

And just to to talk about like sort of the the process that we go through year to year, we do work with departments to set priorities every year, which is a subset of the plans and you know.

Well, I think we do.

We have started working more closely with partners at CEO to review budget requests.

We are planning on working more closely with departments to like help them develop those budget requests in alignment with the sustainability plan.

So that's kind of part of our approach to figuring out funding year to year, but it really has to be based on like sort of what the priority actions are because you know again it's it's hard to like sort of look out for 20 years to see.

And especially you know some of the actions aren't.

They are still pretty high level and it is a strategic plan.

So, but yeah, we can certainly talk about like kind of what what our different approaches are to funding.

CF **Christine Frias** 25:13

Rita, thanks for the answer.

This is Christine Frias. But we didn't hear the question since audio was off.

Can you repeat the question just to be sure we have it on record?

DK **David Korsak** 25:24

Yes, this is Tiffany with MC5.

I I just had a question.

CF **Christine Frias** 25:40

Sorry, Tiffany, but the the mic was not on, so you cut out. Sorry. Yeah, there you go.

DK **David Korsak** 25:44

Oh, no, me. OK, sorry.

So you need to go ahead.

Apologize, apologies, apologies.

But my question was.

Having some kind of funding or identifying a funding strategy to implement the actions within the plan identifying different funding sources and.

Yeah, to implement the different actions.

That's my question.

CF Christine Frias 26:18
Thank you.

DK David Korsak 26:21
Sorry about that. And jumping ahead, if there's I'll give one more chance for any other questions on this. Since we had a little bit more discussion.
OK, not seeing any.
Then we'll go ahead and move forward with Animal Care's presentation and you guys could take over.
Thank you.

BK Bradley Kim 26:43
Good afternoon. Chair for allowing us the opportunity for to present mandatory spay and neuter and microchip ordinance with me is our Chief Deputy Director Dade Euriborio and Operation Deputy Chris Sarar.
My name is Whitney Dong Admin deputy and the presenter is Bradley Kim.
Who is the contract?
And Grant division manager.
Thank you, Winnie. Morning, everyone.
Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this.
We're we're just going to speak a little bit about mandatory spay neuter microchipping. Why? It's important the benefits it brings. And then also kind of hone in on to what we've been doing with our contract cities to try to advocate for them also adopting if they haven't already.
Mandatory spay neuter microchipping policies.
So just for a quick introduction for anyone who may be unfamiliar, the our department works with 45 contract cities, currently 44 in LA County and one in Ventura County. And while the county adopts mandatory spay, neuter and microchipping as part of its title 10, it is.
Up to the cities under their own authority to either adopt Title 10 Foley, which would include those provisions, or they can amend it and not include certain things like microchipping and spay neuter.
So we have quite a gamut on cities who who?
The majority of them do adopt Foley, but some do adopt certain policies.

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Maybe just microchipping for dogs only, or only spay neuter for cats.

Things like that.

So again, if you're, if you're, if you're not too familiar with micro tripping in spay neuter to start with, microchipping is a very non invasive process to take some maybe 15 seconds. It's pretty much like administering a vaccine, a very small microchip goes into the animal and the.

Purpose of it is for tracking the animal. If it ever goes stray, we register the pet information so they can be contacted of the the animal ever goes lost and we do do it for count for animals leaving.

The the shelter, who belong to county territories in most cities but again, cities who. May not enforce mandated microchipping and then spay neuter.

Spay neuter is kind of comes with a lot of maybe myths with it, a lot of fears with folks, but for the most part it it's a pretty quick process.

High high volume spay neuter vets can do it as quickly as 15 minutes, maybe longer for a spayed and a neuter, but it provides health benefits to animals for for dogs it removes risks of prostate issues, testicular cancer.

Than for female animals. Removes the OR eliminates the risk of pyometra or any ovarian issues, so provides direct health benefits despite what some folks might have as beliefs.

You know that it takes away certain things from the animals and then behaviorally, it helps to reduce aggression, particularly in in male dogs.

And kind of another benefit of it is with reduced testosterone regression, male dogs are less likely to go stray or to seek mates, which may lead to them roaming or.

Trying to find a mate and then that dog ended up in our care center.

So there's there's a number of benefits and then maybe one of the most important is just reducing the animal population. As you may know, pretty much all agencies across the nation are dealing with increased emissions as folks are kind of dealing with economic hardships and surrendering animals or.

May not be able to afford spay neuter or just basic medical care so.

Having them having the ability to reduce emissions in the 1st place is kind of the source before you get to, you know, adoption promotions.

Trying to help folks who maybe need help with not surrounding their animals.

Really going to the source of spay neuter and spay neuter of course helps reduce emissions, and I'll also show a chart here that kind of helps drive that point.

So as I mentioned, the county currently mandates spay neuter and unincorporated

areas.

This chart here shows almost 20 years of dog emissions just for unincorporated LA County. So as you can see, when we mandated it back in 2006, you see initially an increase. That's mostly due to the economic recession at that time.

Saw a large increase of animals being surrendered during that time, but then shortly after that you could see a huge drop off in about 2011 till currently.

Not only important for us as a sheltering agency to manage our population, but also for cities because they're charged per dog and cat impound about \$945 per cat and dog impound for this year, which is a high cost we recognize. So by reducing EM. We're reducing costs for the cities, reducing costs for the county and able to focus staff and resources on the animals that might have the highest needs, like medical or behavioral needs.

And then, of course, microchipping helps improve reunification.

Studies show that cats are over 20 times more likely to be reunited when they have a microchip, and then dogs are twice as more likely.

So we typically see about a 20% RTO or return to owner rate with dogs and cats are are drastically lower, usually ranging from 3 to 5%.

Both microchips, of course.

It's much more likely.

I mean a lot.

A lot of folks, you know, don't intend their animals to get out. If you've had a dog, it's probably gotten out at one point or another.

It's not being irresponsible, it just happens so.

Having a microchip helps or helps ensure that that dog will be returned and another kind of benefit of that is our animal control officers. While they're patrolling, they will often pick up stray animals instead of them having to impound the animal, bring it to a care center char.

The city and now having to put the animal on a 72 hour shelter, they can actually scan it for a microchip in the field and just reunite it in the field.

So no cost to the city, no extra burden on our care centers.

To write some context in regards to our contract cities, so we have 28 out of our 45 cities who currently adopt some sort of spay neuter ordinance.

The majority mandated for both cats and dogs. There are some who have caveats, which may only mandate for like dominant breed dogs for pit bulls. For Rottweilers as an agency, we recommend mandatory spay neuter for dogs and cats and

microchipping for the reasons I kind of mentioned before.

And then one of the most recent cities was actually the city of La Mirada.

Whom we met with, and they actually enacted spay neuter ordinances back in 2004, which is great.

And then we've actually had really positive interactions this year with some of our cities such as West Covina. We've been meeting with their councilmen to provide some data to kind of help them justify why it's important to mandate spay neuter in terms of their cost and to give.

A little context to on maybe some of the pushback we get or some of the hesitancy. What cities is they oftentimes may not want to have government.

Kind of enforcement over that.

A lot of people don't like government forcing folks to mandate spay neuter. So that's sometimes some of the political ramifications they have to consider. And what we hear from them. And this year, we've also received a lot of support from the Board of Supervisors, particularly Supervisor Barger's.

Office and Stephanie English, who have been reaching out to the cities in North County to kind of reemphasize the importance of spay neuter and help benefit some. This is just a quick list of currently.

Mandates Bay new door microchipping ordinances and then also specifically what they meant, who they mandate it for.

JT **Joey Tuccio** 33:58
Thanks.

BK **Bradley Kim** 34:05

So some of the things we do in supporting cities is we offer a spay neuter trust fund. Which cities can opt into anytime? We have about a dozen cities who currently opt into it, and by opting into that for every dog license sold within the city, they contribute \$5.00 of that license to the fund. They get the additional revenue. But that \$5 goes.

To the fund and then their residents can participate in our free and low cost pet neuter clinics at any time.

So that's something we always try to push to cities.

And then I I won't go over everything.

Everything here but this is just a quick breakdown of kind of the advocacy we've

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done this year and trying to get cities who haven't adopted it yet to consider adopting it or to adopt it.

And what we also offer tailoring ordinances, giving them sample ordinances which they could add to the municipal code to make it as easy for them as possible.

This is just an example of a flier.

We had provided this year and terms of the Spanner Trust Fund and the benefits it provides and I think one of the most important things to also emphasize about this is it's not only mandating spay neuter because you can mandate anything and that doesn't mean folks will.

Comply, but it also has to be paired with accessibility and making sure that there are low cost and free cost options available because we recognize a lot of a lot of people can support, afford spayed neuter surgery. Especially today with the veterinary shortage, I mean 1500 dollars.

Which most people can't afford that.

So for this to be really effective, we have to also ensure that there are options available and some of the things we've been doing we for for many years we've partnered with Spay for LA and Simi Valley who are mobile spay neuter clinics, spay for LA focuses on.

South County and then Simi Valley.

North County and they host clinics throughout the month for low cost spay neuter clinics for own pets.

And our foundation, the LA County Animal Care Foundation, who we often look to for kinda supplemental support, has been very proactive with supporting additional spay neuter efforts.

So this year and next year, they're going to be supporting additional clinics hosted by our partners for Community cats or feral cats. As you know, some people might refer to them and just ensure those populations aren't exploding and ending up at our care centers.

We we also actively seek out, you know, just considering the county's budget situation, we're actively seeking.

Grant opportunities. We've gotten a lot of support from Annenberg Foundation.

Acepca love to support Spanninger efforts, and we're also currently working with the Bissell Bissell Foundation, who's a large advocate of spay neuter.

And they actually offer a high volume spay neuter program called Fix the future where they actually bring a vet to do full full time just high volume spay neuter,

which is really important for us because we're also experiencing a large veterinary shortage. So.

Are having difficulty keeping up just with the demands of the animals in our care.

So just wanted to kinda, you know, drive the importance of having the options available in addition to mandating it 'cause you can't expect folks to, you know, do something if they don't have access to it.

JT **Joey Tuccio** 36:53
OK.

BK **Bradley Kim** 37:01

And yeah, so kind of jump in on and Jennifer was probably is gonna ask a question later, but these are just some of the things we've been doing.

We're we're we're really focusing on spay neuter 'cause we recognize that's probably the most important thing.

It's really getting to the source instead of kind of going to the side effects or addressing, which are also important, but.

This this is the most direct impact in curtailing admissions.

And then just kind of our next steps or I guess our ask of in terms of help?

Again, the supervisors and the board offices have been very helpful with helping us with outreach and connecting with the cities. But I think just continuing to reemphasize that point in driving home why it's important not just for the county. For them it's it's really. I know people say win win, but it's it's really a win win for animals, cities and the county like and sometimes it just says Miss we have to try to dispel.

We're concerned with spay neuter.

I know even some vets are against spay neutering certain animals when they're not at a certain age because they they feel like it might have an impact on them physically, but I think just kind of looking at the evidence looking at what most of that support and just.

Driving that home to your constituents, if you can help with that.

These are just a few resources we wanted to provide, and in case you had questions or wanted to see what the benefits were, we we kind of touched on most of these, but just wanted to provide some backup as well.

I think that, yeah, that's it.

We could take any questions, so you would have sex. Thank you.
Thank Brett. It's not that. Any questions?

DK **David Korsak** 38:29

Thank you, Beth.
Yep, we'll go ahead and take questions.
If anyone from inside the room.

BK **Bradley Kim** 38:34

Anyone.

DK **David Korsak** 38:38

OK. The first one will be from Stephanie.

ES **English, Stephanie** 38:43

Hi, good morning everybody or good afternoon. Thank you, Bradley.
Great presentation.
I have a couple questions.
You know, one of the things that Marcia likes to say, that I've adopted and I like to repeat, is that blaming the shelters for overcrowding is like blaming a dentist for cavities.
I think it's a brilliant statement because this is mostly a human behavior problem, and as I think most people know up in the 5th district.
Lancaster, we have or we have had the highest euthanasia rates up there for a lot of reasons. The open land, the, the, the.
Folks that are, you know, doing illegal breeding and don't want to spay and neuter their pets. But I wanted to ask you, Bradley, what happens in a contract city that has not adopted spay and neuter ordinance?
So if my city has not adopted that spay and neuter order ordinance and my dog gets out and my dog is not neutered.
And I go to pick the dog up at the shelter.
What happens versus a contract city that has adopted that policy?
That's my first question.

BK **Bradley Kim** 40:03

Good afternoon. Stephanie, check the time.

Yeah. So when Neal comes in, I mean really what it pertains to is fees.

So what?

We're obligated to do is enforce whatever those regulations ordinances are for that particular jurisdiction, and if they do not enforce mandatory microchipping and spay neuter, we do offer it to the constituent to to make it accessible. But we can't enforce it because it's on the ordinance. That's requ.

Basically, what would be the difference would be that they would be charged a more expensive rate for their license.

Because unaltered pets cost more for licensing than altered pets by the county code. So not much in the sense of of retaining the pet or coming back to get the pet, but it would be more so in fees.

Would be the difference, but we'd still again try to offer those resources and hope that they would take us up.

On it for the low cost option. And just like Bradley did, we'd explain the the pros to why that is the case.

ES **English, Stephanie** 41:03
OK.

BK **Bradley Kim** 41:08
A big portion of it is education.

ES **English, Stephanie** 41:11
Yeah. Thank you for that.

BK **Bradley Kim** 41:12
Thank you.

ES **English, Stephanie** 41:12
And then what?

When when a jurisdiction does adopt spay and neuter policies, the graph that you showed of the unincorporated areas was pretty impactful over time.

So let's say one of our contract cities does this week adopt spay and neuter where they have it in the past.

How long does it take to see a positive impact in the shelters where we're taking in less?

Less animals.

BK **Bradley Kim** 41:42

Yeah, that's a really good question, Stephanie, I think.

I don't think there's any metric we could provide consistently.

I think it just depends.

Like right now we're seeing of course increased admissions overall, even with cities who have mandated just because of the increase in surrenders and folks or stray animals, which could also be surrenders in the field.

So it depends, as Izzy saw now when it took, it took the county about five years before it saw a dramatic decrease.

And that would it would have probably happened a lot sooner if it had not been during the time when we had a recession.

But also based on some of the things we've done for cities, we've seen it take effect as quickly as maybe one year after on a mission.

So it can be pretty quick to impact their missions.

ES **English, Stephanie** 42:25

OK.

I appreciate that.

What? What is it that you're suggesting from the offices to advocate in our respective areas for our cities to adopt, spay and neuter?

First question and then what are you guys doing?

I know you sent out the letter to the contract cities.

Asking them to consider adoption for those cities that hadn't.

How are you guys following up on that request?

BK **Bradley Kim** 42:52

So I think for your first question, Stephanie, I think we're just asking mostly for continued outreach and to help kind of be a secondary affirmation that you know why this is important and then driving home, why it decreases their costs and all the benefits, because I think only.

Hearing it from one source may not be as helpful, so hearing it also from the Board

office is helpful.

And then in terms of our follow up, we've been meeting with a few cities who have already reached out in response to that letter we've been offering to attend their Council meeting so that we can also speak on the impact of it.

We've actually had been working with volunteers to a lot of advocates on our behalf who have actually been attending Council meetings and have been helping also kind of drive the the the point home and why it's important.

So just we've just been continually reaching out and offering to meet and provide customized data. If it fits or any like with West Covina to show how it impacts them directly.

I hope that answers, but let me know if not.

ES **English, Stephanie** 43:48

Yeah. No, I appreciate that.

That's great.

I'm glad you guys are following up.

Can you make sure that you send this graph that you went by really quickly of the spay and neuter and microchipping to all of the board offices, the board, deputies that handle animal care and control so that we all have the updated updated list and that's all the.

JT **Joey Tuccio** 43:54

OK.

ES **English, Stephanie** 44:05

Questions for me. Thank you guys.

BK **Bradley Kim** 44:08

Stephanie.

DK **David Korsak** 44:11

And Guadalupe, you can go ahead.

DG **Duran-Medina, Guadalupe** 44:13

Yes. Thank you again for the presentation.

Just I have like 3 questions this past weekend our office did host an event with the Michelson and the Palm mission.

You know, groups and to supplement, you know, the vet in the park and to uplift the adopt the Shelter dog month, the department was there, you know, providing licensing and.

Adoptions. Do you plan to foster more partnerships to have organizations help supplement the increasing need for vets in the park type of events?

BK **Bradley Kim** 44:57

Yes, thank you for the question.

Guadalupe, we we definitely were actually though.

So are that at the park?

Events currently are 100% funded by grants and donations, so ideally we would like to host more. We currently host one per month, but it's the the limitation with that is just the funding source we are trying for next year to request more from our foundation to.

Hopefully, ideally maybe go back to two, two events per month.

So maybe 24 in the year.

We're not sure again whether that funding will be available.

But our our hope and intentions are to expand that and and similar services such as increased spay neuter clinics through partnerships with vendors such as Spay for lane, Simi Valley.

DG **Duran-Medina, Guadalupe** 45:39

Right. My second question is, is the spay Neuter Trust Fund managed by the department or by the foundation?

BK **Bradley Kim** 45:49

By the department.

DG **Duran-Medina, Guadalupe** 45:51

And would you consider raising philanthropic funds for this trust fund as well?

BK **Bradley Kim** 46:00

We're actually, yeah, that's a good question.

And I think it's funny, you mentioned the Mickelson Foundation because we are we are.

We have identified and are currently working with a few grantors including the Michelson Foundation, to try to get funds with Spadina.

Hope they're pretty familiar with our situation in terms of admissions and and our need for Space Needle funds and on board more vets. So we've actually identified a few other mobile clinics who were trying to work with to help specifically with animals in the care centers right now.

But again, those are all all kind of contingent upon additional funding.

So we're trying to find grants and additional funding, Cormark Foundation, to support.

The.

DG **Duran-Medina, Guadalupe** 46:41

Right, right.

Regarding the the city's, you know, the city contribution.

To any of the contract cities promote licensing.

You know, for the ones that are, I mean, do you see that being actively being done?

BK **Bradley Kim** 47:05

I think so, yeah.

I think it does vary between cities. Somewhere I feel are a little more proactive, but we we also do try to provide Flyers and materials on a regular basis throughout the year to promote things like licensing or spay neuter. But in general, they're they're very receptive and we'll.

Share content that we provide.

DG **Duran-Medina, Guadalupe** 47:25

1st to you know the cities, how can we?

You know, I know you mentioned West Covina is you're currently actively reaching out to them and they're they seem to be interested as well.

But what else do you think you the department could do to incentivize right cities?

JT **Joey Tuccio** 47:40

Thank.

DG **Duran-Medina, Guadalupe** 47:44

Beyond what?

What you're doing already, you know, so that they could adopt, you know, the the ordinance that we have.

Is there a penalty as well?

That we could look at, I don't know.

BK **Bradley Kim** 47:54

One of the things we've seen.

Be very helpful.

Lately has been showing impact on their costs because we know cities like the county and like every agency have have budget concerns.

So I think being able to connect it with how it's reducing their costs in the long term and even short term has been impactful.

I think that's what West Covina was particularly interested in, so.

It is, I think important too, to try to provide data specific 'cause they they see general trends and emissions.

They see their invoices monthly, but kind of being able to show the impact and being able to provide that custom data or predictable predictive trends for them is probably one of the most beneficial things right now.

DG **Duran-Medina, Guadalupe** 48:37

And I mean I I know it's not a good thing to always talk about penalties, but.

Do you see that being?

Any way to help?

You know, I know you mentioned the cost on the yeah.

BK **Bradley Kim** 48:50

Yeah. No, that that's a really good question.

I I think it's tough 'cause because.

At that point, you're you're kind of balancing.

You don't want to penalize folks too much, like with a license fee, you don't increase it too much because then you get into territory where folks decide to forgo it instead of doing it.

DG **Duran-Medina, Guadalupe** 48:59

Mm-hmm.

Mm-hmm.

BK **Bradley Kim** 49:04

So it's kind of finding that medium between having folks comply, but also not charging too much or too little.

So it it it's a good question and it's something we have considered, but I think it's just trying to find that kind of that median point.

If I can add as well, we've, we've we have seen in in times where maybe there's more enforcement or like steeper penalties. Some people opt to surrender their pets instead of again for go doing the license, the spay and neuter microchipping, which then ultimately impacts the care cent.

And can impact.

Potentially, you know euthanasia.

So it is a delicate balance, you know, and that's why we'd love to find ways we can partner with the community with, with these cities.

To show the benefits and find a way to be mutual and get the same results.

DG **Duran-Medina, Guadalupe** 49:57

Sense of the balance scene, right?

But thank you.

DK **David Korsak** 50:04

Thank you. I believe we're going to move on to public comment right now.

So I see two hands right now, the first one.

CK **Cross, Kelly** 50:10

Oh, real quick. Yeah, real quick.

This is Kelly from Supervisor Han's office.

DK **David Korsak** 50:14

I'm sorry.

CK Cross, Kelly 50:14

Just wanted to ask if beyond you know the kind of political?

Ill will to enforce more rules such as mandatory spay, neuter and microchipping have the cities said anything else like they're just not hearing from their constituents enough about this issue or?

Or that make them say no to signing on.

BK Bradley Kim 50:41

Hi, Kelly.

I think pretty much all we've heard in terms of concern is just the the enforcement part and having the county or the city being enforced, government enforcement agency over spay neuter mandating it. I don't think we've really heard anything else in terms of concerns.

CK Cross, Kelly 51:01

OK.

Thank you.

DK David Korsak 51:04

Sorry about that, Callie. OK.

Now we'll go ahead and move on to public comment. If anyone from the public would like to speak, please raise your hands or dial *6 and we'll call on you. And you'll have two minutes to speak. The first person I see is Joey Tuccio. Sorry if I. Pronounce that wrong.

JT Joey Tuccio 51:19

It's OK.

Can you hear me?

DK David Korsak 51:22

Yes, Sir.

Go ahead.

JT Joey Tuccio 51:22

OK.

Cool. OK.

Well, First off, I'm just gonna talk freely.

My name's Joey.

I'm an animal rescuer. I've been doing it for a while.

OK.

I'm just gonna say my piece this, this presentation is terrifying.

I feel like I'm at a tea party, to be honest.

The pictures of dogs smiling should be replaced by dogs, bleeding and dying on the street.

There's no urgency with what's going on here.

I'm part of the task force that was created federally because of the lack of movement from most most of you.

This is this is wild that we're still talking about this.

Everybody's skirting around the the main main issue, in my opinion, there's no enforcement.

Why are we afraid to give?

People penalties. Why are homeless people allowed to breed dogs?

And there's no citations that are worth anything.

There's no enforcement I can tell you how many times I've been to homeless encampments as a rescuer, and I've seen multiple dead puppies.

And I tell the homeless people I am in a place where spay neuter is mandatory, even though that I use that word loosely.

And they laugh because there is no penalties. So this presentation.

Is a fairy tale.

The pictures are fairy tale and the non urgency with mostly everybody here is terrifying.

So I need to know why homeless people are allowed to breed animals and there is no enforcement.

DK **David Korsak** 53:13

Thank you for your comment.

We'll go ahead and move on to the next speaker.

JT **Joey Tuccio** 53:16
Oh wait, there's no answer.

DK **David Korsak** 53:18
No, this is public comment Sir.

JT **Joey Tuccio** 53:20
Well, actually there is no answer. That is the problem.

DK **David Korsak** 53:26
Thank you for your comment.
We'll go ahead and move on to the next speaker, Tom Keish.
A. Start speaking. You have two minutes.

TK **Tom Kiesche** 53:33
Hello. Hello.
I I know several people.
I'm a volunteer with both LA City, LA County and Long Beach at the shelters,
although I'm speaking in my own individual capacity.
I had a question about the Bissell thing because we did a pop up spay and neuter
clinic in West Covina on Sunday with the canine condition, and 514 people asked to
have the services and couldn't get in.
They did.
36 spay neuters of dogs and the people were happy, and everybody was on board
with that.
I'm gonna send in the comment section.
If it goes, there's three links.
One is with Jackie Pinnell of the canine condition.
She talks about the event.
It's 10 minutes long.
There's two other links the West Covina May 6 presentation by volunteers or
members of the public, and the April first presentation from West Covina.
And it talks.
It's what we talked about with the City Council and that is moving forward and we're

all very happy with it.

But the main thing I want to do is put a face on everything Bradley was saying and that is those animals in kennels and only getting a couple weeks at certain shelters. Palmdale and Lancaster Baldwin Park are maybe getting 8 weeks and it's because of overcrowding and the.

Toll that it takes on the staff members who are county employees.

And volunteers.

And networkers.

And rescuers that can't pull any more dogs out because there's just too many dogs coming in.

That's the main thing I wanted to do today. I was told about this meeting by Marsha because she knows that I'm passionate about this, and so I just wanted to sort of slow down what Bradley was saying and invite you all to go to a shelter.

GI **Gracian, Isela** 55:27
No, no, no.

TK **Tom Kiesche** 55:29
Sorry, what?

DK **David Korsak** 55:31
I'm sorry, I think someone was on mute, but you can go ahead. You can continue.

TK **Tom Kiesche** 55:34
OK.
I I was.
So I don't think the answer is just spay neuter and microchip, but it's part of the answer and enforcement is part of the answer and education is part of the answer. And helping outside grants come in to give companies and rescues the funds to get this stuff moving. I want to thank you all for listening to Bradley, myself, Joey, everyone who's going to speak.
Because together we can solve this problem.
Because it is a problem.
Thank you very very much.

DK David Korsak 56:08

Thank you, Sydia 2 misses over and then we have also one speaker in person.

You can go ahead and go. Hi. My name is Jorge Morales.

I'm with Morales and Morales, a consulting firm.

I was for full transparency.

I was here for the R County Sustainability plan, but I'm also a consultant to the California Contract Cities Association and I manage their legislative portfolio and their city manager meetings as well.

So there's lots of opportunities if you guys wanna be in front of the contract cities, we represent 80 cities in LA County.

Happy to get this information out. We could have you speak at our city manager's meetings, which are monthly during lunch hour.

We also have legislative committees that meet twice a month, virtually at 3:00 PM on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. We also have board meetings that really receptions like we're having one tonight and you guys can come.

The county's a member and so staff board staff, you guys can all attend and I'll just leave my number with somebody here and you guys can call me and I'll help set something up for you guys to get the word out.

Thank you very much.

OK, I'm not seeing any more public comments.

Then one question.

Well, sorry, one more comment for Joey.

You could leave your contact information and then we'll go ahead and have the department Animal Care control reach out to you.

So that concludes.

JT Joey Tuccio 57:23

They have my contact information.

DK David Korsak 57:26

OK.

Thank you, Jack.

That concludes our meeting. Our next scheduled meeting is going to be.

JC Jennifer Conant 57:32

No, I'm sorry.

I had my hand up.

I'm sorry, I don't know if you weren't able to.

DK David Korsak 57:34

I apologize.

I'm seeing.

JC Jennifer Conant 57:37

It's Jennifer.

Hi so I I am a member of the public an interested member. You know I work with different people on rescuing animals.

I agree with everything that's being said here as far as from Joey and the other gentleman who spoke. I appreciate your presentation.

But you know, the presentation is only.

Only as good as you know, the city is willing to adopt it and the people willing to enforce it, and having the funding to make it successful. We do have a huge, huge issue with overcrowding.

Spay and neutering is just a part I agree with that.

But you know the the think that this is, you know, an answer to a lot of these issues. I think.

Is is understated at best, so at the end of the day, I think we definitely need to pay a lot more attention.

To enforcing the laws, first spay and neutering.

And I know that's this is probably isn't the forum for that, but I think that needs to be a lot bigger of a discussion. Thank you.

Thank you.

DK David Korsak 58:56

Thank you, Jennifer.

I'm sorry I didn't see the hand raised on my screen.

Apologies for that.

Any other public comment?

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OK, I'm not seeing any.

Thanks for everyone for joining our next meeting will be held next Wednesday,
October 22nd at 11:30 AM. Thank you.

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