Agenda Item No: 1.h

PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April 21, 2026

Submitted by: Teri Knutson

From: Police Department

Subject:
APPROVAL OF ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL CARE SERVICES AGREEMENT

Financial Impact:
Fiscal Impact:
Approximately $487,925 per year.

Summary:
The City of Placentia currently contracts with the Orange County Animal Care Services (OCACS) for the provision of animal care services. The existing agreement between the City and the County is scheduled to expire at the end of May. The Orange County Board of Supervisors approved the Master Agreement for the provision of Orange County Animal Care Services on February 24, 2026. This enables participating cities to enter into renewed agreements for continued services.

Recommendation:
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the Master Agreement for the Provision of Orange County Animal Care Services (OCACS) between the City of Placentia and the County of Orange for the period covering May 31, 2026, through May 30, 2031; and
2. Authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Strategic Plan Statement:
This item conforms to Strategic Plan Goal No. 2: Public Safety, to provide a safe, family-friendly environment through proactive policing, efficient fire and emergency medical services, disaster preparedness, and strong community partnerships that protect residents, businesses and visitors.

Discussion:
In 2016, the City Council approved the current Animal Care Services and Participation Agreements, committing to a ten-year partnership with the County and sharing in the cost to construct a new County animal shelter in Tustin. In addition to Placentia, the cities of Anaheim, Brea, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Lake Forest, Orange, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Ana, Tustin, Villa Park, and Yorba Linda entered into 10-year agreements with OCACS for the provision of animal care services.

To support continued regional partnership and recognize the contract cities' financial investment in the County animal shelter, OCACS collaborated with a committee of five city managers, appointed by the Orange County City Managers Association, to review and develop updated terms for a new Master Agreement for the provision of animal care services. Key provisions of the proposed Master Agreement include:

- Establishment of a single, consolidated agreement that retains key provisions from the original Participation Agreement.
- A five-year contract term.
- A billing stabilization methodology designed to smooth fluctuations in actual service costs over the fiscal year.
- New cities may contract with the County for animal care services and must fund any required shelter expansion or, if none is needed, pay an additional 5% of their annual Notice of Intent toward shelter maintenance and capital improvements during the agreement term.
- The County provides seven service categories under the agreement. Any new non-mandated service categories introduced during the term of the agreement require 12 months' notice and allow the city to opt-in or out.

The proposed Master Agreement, approved by the County Board of Supervisors on February 24, 2026, has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office. OCACS has provided reliable and effective animal care, delivering services in a cost-effective manner due to costs being spread regionally among participating cities. Based on their performance and proven partnership, Staff recommends that the City Council approve a new five-year Animal Care Services Agreement with the County.

Attachments

Agreement for Provision of OC Animal Care Services - City of Placentia.pdf
FY26.27 Animal Shelter NOI.pdf