



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Albert Balagso

**SUBJECT:** AGREEMENT WITH WILDLIFE  
CENTER OF SILICON VALLEY

**DATE:** 05-22-06

Approved

*Deanna Antina*

Date

*5/26/06*

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-Wide  
**SNI AREA:** NA

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of San José and the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley for the care and treatment of wildlife taken to the Wildlife Center on behalf of San José and the cities that receive animal care services from San José. The term of the agreement is from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$83,754 per year (\$251,262 total).

## **OUTCOME**

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley will provide rehabilitative services, educational programs and provide telephone support for wildlife issues for San José residents and the resident of the cities that contract for animal care services with the City of San José Animal Care and Services Division.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley was founded as a non-profit organization in 1994. Their charter is to house, rehabilitate and release injured, sick and orphaned wildlife. The Wildlife Center is located on County property off Penitencia Creek Road in San José.

The Wildlife Center is funded by donations, grants, memberships and assistance from local cities, including Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale. In the past, the City of San José has provided funds to support operations and facility improvements at the Wildlife Center.

In fiscal year 2005-2006, the City of San José contracted with the Wildlife Center for animal care services related to wildlife at a cost of \$80,252. The Wildlife Center is the only entity that provides these services in the South Bay. The City of San José also has agreements with the cities of

Cupertino, Saratoga, and Town of Los Gatos to provide them animal care services including services for wildlife.

In the 2005 calendar year, 4,833 birds and animals were taken to the Wildlife Center by area residents and animal control agencies. 3,070 of those wild animals came from the City of San José staff and San José residents. The Animal Care and Services Division does not provide rehabilitation or housing for wild animals nor is it able to provide much education or phone support about wildlife. The calls for service regarding wildlife constituted 5.8% (1,794 out of 31,013) of all service calls to the Animal Care and Services program in January through December 2005.

### ANALYSIS

An agreement with the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley would provide rehabilitative services, educational programs and telephone support for wildlife issues for San José residents and the residents of the contract cities. A total of \$10,212 per year is received from contract cities for the City of San José to provide wildlife services.

### COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Manager's Office and the City Attorney's Office.

### COST IMPLICATIONS

The term of this agreement would be from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009. The anticipated total cost of these services will be \$251,262 or \$83,754 for each year of the three-year term. The base budget of the Animal Care and Service Program includes funding to support this activity. A portion of the revenue received from the contract cities is also intended to support this expense. The cost to the City during the three-year term of this agreement is fixed; no cost of living or other adjustment is included. Should funding not be appropriated in future years the agreement can be cancelled without obligation to the City.

### CEQA

Not a project.

  
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