



AGENCY: City Council
MEETING DATE: January 8, 2024
DEPARTMENT: City Manager/Admin
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MENDOCINO COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY TO INCLUDE THE OPERATION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY LOCATED AT 19701 SUMMERS LANE, FORT BRAGG, CA

ISSUE:

On November 13, 2023, the Fort Bragg City Council approved an Agreement with the County of Mendocino to terminate the Leasehold and Cooperative Agreement pertaining to the operation of the Animal Control facility located at 19701 Summers Lane. Staff recommends that the City add the Animal Control facility previously operated by the County of Mendocino to the current Mendocino County Humane Society Lease Agreement for expanded shelter and veterinary services.

ANALYSIS:

In July 1975, the City of Fort Bragg and the County of Mendocino entered into a Cooperative Agreement to permit the County to develop animal control services at 19701 Summers Lane in Fort Bragg. The Agreement allowed the County to construct and operate a new animal control facility to be located on City-owned property. Because of financial concerns, the County closed the animal control facility in mid-2023 and on November 13, 2023, the Fort Bragg City Council approved an Agreement with the County of Mendocino to terminate their Leasehold and Cooperative Agreement.

The Mendocino Coast Humane Society has requested to use the County facility to provide additional resources to augment their existing services. The City currently has a Lease Agreement, approved in 2010, with the Humane Society for the animal control facility located immediately adjacent to the former County animal control facility. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the First Amendment to Lease Agreement to permit the Humane Society to use the former County Animal Control facility.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Fort Bragg City Council approve the First Amendment to Lease Agreement, which will permit the Humane Society to use the former County Animal Control facility located on Summers Lane.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

1. Provide alternative policy direction to staff.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

Approved upon execution of First Amendment to Lease Agreement, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exhibit A - First Amendment to Lease Agreement
2. Attachment 1 – Humane Society Lease Agreement