

NEW ANIMAL CARE and REGULATION FACILITY PROJECT

This year's budget cover depicts the new Animal Care and Regulation Facility to be located at 3839 Bradshaw Road. The current animal shelter, constructed in 1964, is outdated and undersized for the service demands placed upon the facility. A 1999 report on the state of Animal Care and Regulation in Sacramento County identified problems in the areas of facility overcrowding, a poor design which contributed to poor animal behavior, difficulties with animal intake and examination, lack of public counter spaces, as well as limited and inconvenient adoption areas. The 1999 report concluded that the shelter could no longer accommodate its original mission.

The new Animal Care and Regulation Facility, designed by George Miers & Associates of Moraga, CA, includes animal holding areas, adoption area, animal support functions, large animal barn, facility support functions, administration area, and outdoor dog exercise areas. The animal holding areas for dogs consist of 186 holding/adoption kennels, 12 multiple dog adoption rooms which can hold from 12 to 24 dogs, 12 sick/isolation kennels, seven protective custody kennels, and puppy pens/rooms. For cats, there are 200 adoption/holding cages, 30 sick/isolation cages, a kitten room, individual cat rooms which can hold two to three cats and two cat community rooms which can hold 10 to 12 cats per room with a screened cat "porch" off of one of the community rooms. The adoption area includes socialization rooms, a classroom, and class room courtyard. Animal support functions include separate public and staff intake areas, exam rooms, dog and cat evaluation rooms, grooming food preparation, and a laundry. The building design incorporates "green" building concepts and will be seeking a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification. Construction completion is anticipated by winter of 2008/09.

Adjacent to the new Animal Care and Regulation Facility, fronting Bradshaw Road, will be a 2 acre public "off leash" dog park with a separate fenced area for small dogs.

The project also includes Art in Public Places. Two artists were selected to provide sculptures for the new facility. Lisa Deniz will provide a series of five "totem" sculptures, titled "Honor the Animal...Honor Ourselves...Honor the Environment," to be placed along Bradshaw Road. Dayton Claudio will provide two sculptures, one at the entrance circle titled "Broken Circle" and one in the building courtyard titled "Rain Catcher."

The project team consists of Pat Claerbout, Director of Animal Care and Regulation; George Miers, architect, George Miers & Associates; Janet Cornelius, Project Manager, Architectural Services Division; Thor Grendahl, Principal Construction Supervisor, Building Construction Management; and Celine Livengood, Landscape Architect, Regional Parks.

FINANCING

Total project costs are estimated at \$25,865,000. The financing consists of \$6.0 million from the 2001 Tobacco Securitization Asset-Backed Bonds. The remainder of the project will be financed through the issue of a 2007 Certificates of Participation (COP). The County's financing team members are as follows: Geoffrey B. Davey, Chief Financial/Operations Officer; Linda Foster-Hall, County Budget Officer; Chris Marx, County Debt Officer; M. Holly Gilchrist, Supervising Deputy County Counsel; Dave P. Irish, Director of Finance; MariLynn Shimamoto, Chief Investment Officer; Bryan Celey-Butlin, Assistant Treasurer; Janet Cornelius, Architect/Project Manager; Carl Mosher, Director of Facility Planning, Architecture and Real Estate.