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**Department of Animal Care and Regulation**

**Recommended Budget Hearings  
Fiscal Year 2010-11**

**Presented by Carl Simpson, Director**

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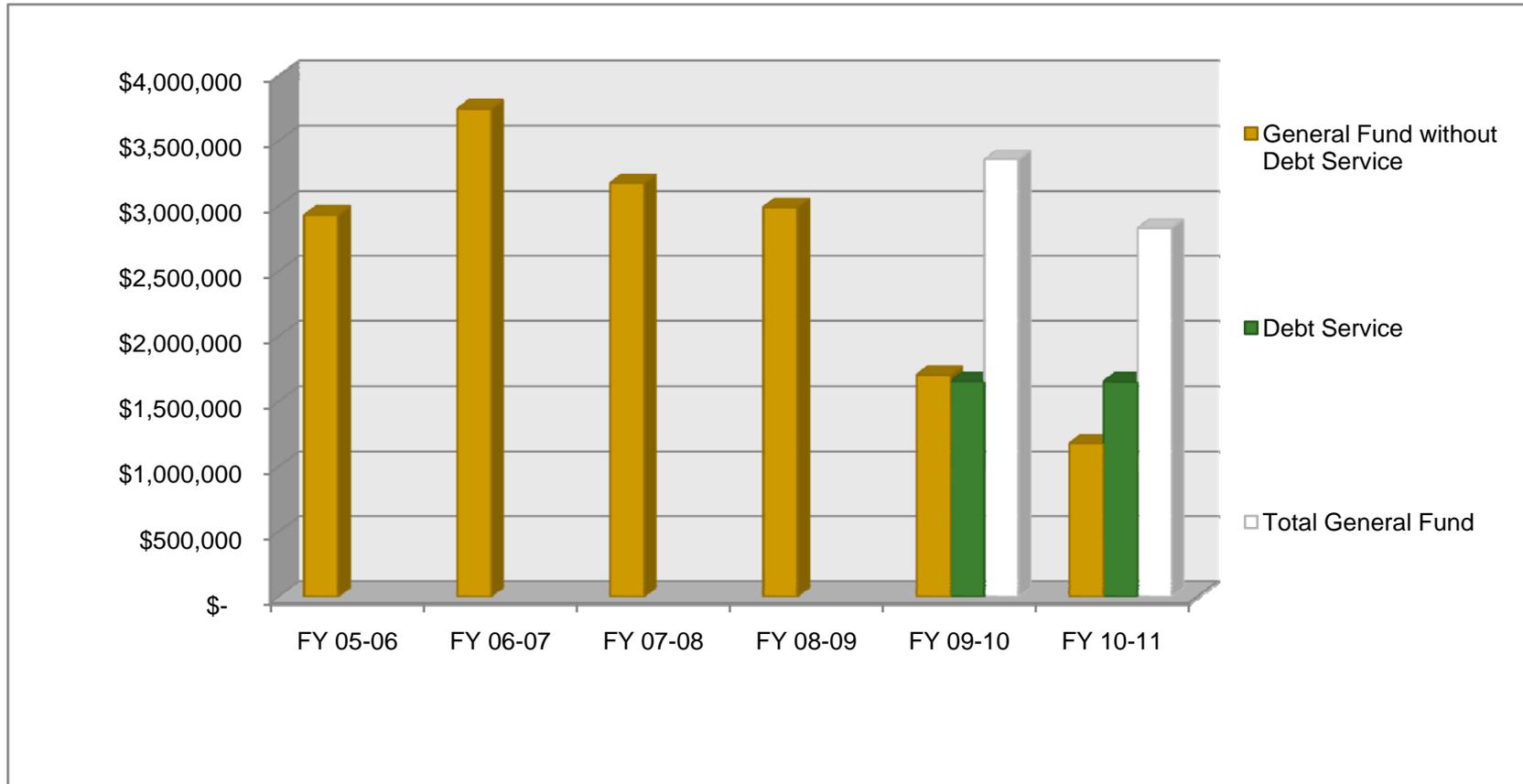
# Target Reductions

|                                    |    |         |
|------------------------------------|----|---------|
| Kennel Services                    | \$ | 421,292 |
| Admin/Operations                   | \$ | 176,469 |
| Field Services                     | \$ | 28,150  |
| Decreased Adoption Program Revenue | \$ | <8,228> |
| Total                              | \$ | 617,683 |
| Staff Reductions                   |    | 7.0 FTE |

# Revenue Decrease for FY 10/11

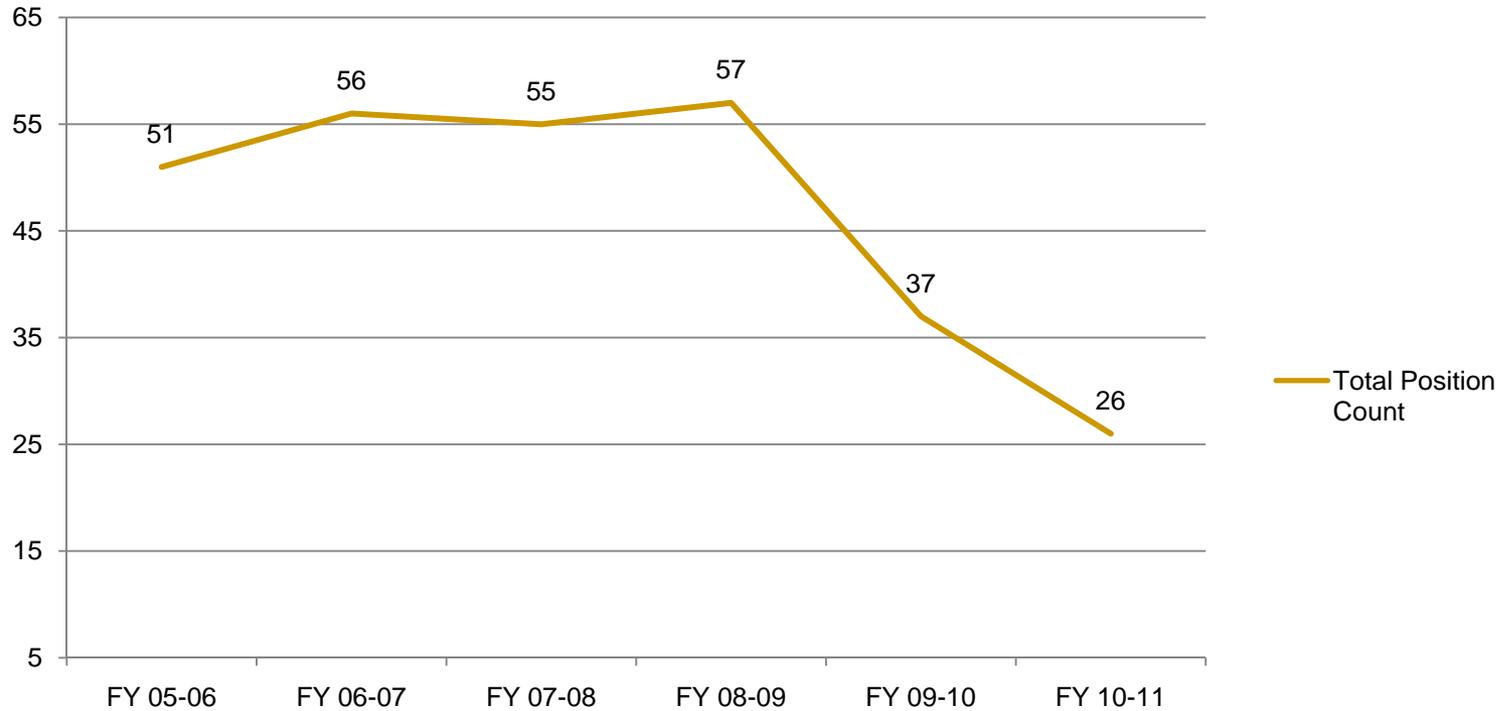
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| SB 90 State Funding      | \$ 560,656       |
| SWA                      | \$ 408,591       |
| One-time funding sources | \$ 115,939       |
| Fees                     | <u>\$ 32,587</u> |
| Total                    | \$ 1,117,773     |

# General Fund Support Trend



# Historic Animal Care Positions

## Total Position Count



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# Programs Targeted for Reduction

## **Kennel Program:**

- Clean, feed and care for 15,000 unwanted animals per year – average 318 per day.
- Conduct behavioral tests, euthanize, adoptions and redemptions.

## **Field Program:**

- Respond to nearly 30,000 calls per year.
- Impound loose, aggressive, injured, sick and dead animals to provide public safety, investigate cruelty cases.

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# Kennel Services Impacted

## **Loss of four animal care attendants and two animal control officers assigned to kennels:**

- Longer wait times for customers, less adoptions and owner/pet reunifications.
- Behavior evaluations eliminated, resulting in behavior issues not being detected before an animal is placed in a new home.
- Possible increased euthanasia
  - ❑ Due to inability to interact properly with animals.
  - ❑ To keep population at a manageable level.

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# Field Services

- No resources to respond to 8,400 nuisance calls per year:
  - Barking dogs, owner loose animals. Illegal kennels, stray dogs roaming, chicken and rooster calls.
- Elimination of swing shift – approx. 4,000 calls per year.
  - Refer after hour emergency calls to Sheriff's department.
- No longer work vicious calls or conduct vicious hearings. Approx. 720 vicious calls per year; 50 vicious hearings per year.
- Longer response times for animals on the road, dog bites and lose aggressive animals.

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# Benchmarks

- SSPCA Sacramento
  - ▣ Intake 11,000 animals
  - ▣ 18 kennel staff
- ASPCA New York
  - ▣ Intake 4,000 animals
  - ▣ 30 kennel staff
- Sacramento County
  - ▣ Intake 15,000
  - ▣ 6 kennel staff (2 kennel staff after budget)