

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



DATE: June 16, 2026
TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Rachel Molina, City Manager
BY: Casey Brooksher, Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT: TLC Animal Removal Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year agreement with TLC Animal Removal Services (TLC) in the amount of \$3,500 per month for a total, not-to-exceed amount of \$126,000 for animal disposal services.

BACKGROUND

The City's contracted veterinarian holds a Premises Permit from the California Veterinarian Medical Board. To maintain this permit, it is required that the City's shelter dispose of deceased animals in accordance with California Veterinary standards. Those standards require adherence to California Code of Regulations section 2030(f) (7), and California Food and Agricultural Code sections 19348 and 1180.13, outlining licensing, transportation, and disposal requirements for deceased animals.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Beginning in 2021, the City began working with TLC to dispose of the deceased animals. With the current agreement set to expire on June 30, 2026, the City of Hesperia released a formal bid on April 8, 2026, for Animal Removal Services. When the bid closed on April 22, 2026, TLC was the sole responding bidder. TLC continuously provides a dependable source for animal disposal.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Public Safety - Ensure public safety resources adequately protect our community

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the services will be included in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget and funding for the subsequent years will be budgeted annually.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None