

## MARIN GENERAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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**Date:** September 12, 2014  
**To:** MGSA Member City/Town Managers, Marin County Chief  
Administrative Officer, and General Managers CSD's  
**From:** Paul Berlant, Executive Officer  
**Subject:** Marin County Animal Control

This Notice is being sent pursuant to Article 13.1 of a Joint Powers Agreement Creating the Marin General Services Authority, dated October 1, 2005. Your jurisdiction is a Member Agency. On September 11, 2014, the MGSA Board of Directors directed me to notify the MGSA members that the Board will consider adding Animal Control to the list of activities that MGSA undertakes. A number of MGSA member representatives have proposed that MGSA relieve the County of Marin of some of its administrative duties under the Joint Powers Agreement for animal control services entered into between the County and all the towns/cities in March 1979 and amended in December 1990. The thinking is that MGSA, a county-wide agency whose membership includes the County and all the cities and towns, may be able to better reflect the interests of the County and towns/cities and facilitate communications among them in the ongoing work of MGSA.

In order to take on this role, the MGSA and the County will negotiate a simple agreement whereby some of the County's duties in management of the Animal Control program will be taken on by the MGSA Executive Officer. In turn, the MGSA will be compensated for its costs from Animal Control program fees and city/town/County contributions. The agreement and assignment of duties will be considered by the MGSA Board at its January 8, 2015 meeting and at a future date by the County Board of Supervisors.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you as a MGSA member notice of the Board's consideration of this added program. Should you wish to comment, please direct your feedback to me by December 18, 2014 so as to be included in the Board's agenda packet. You may do so in writing to the above address, via email to [pvberlant@comcast.net](mailto:pvberlant@comcast.net) or at the January 8, 2015 meeting, which will commence at 10:00 a.m. at the San Rafael City Hall Council Chambers.

Thank you.

