

# Animal shelter decision due Tuesday

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SANTA CRUZ — The county should continue contracting with the Santa Cruz County Animal Welfare Association for animal shelter and control services through the rest of this fiscal year, County Administrative Officer George Newell recommends.

The Board of Supervisors will take up Newell's recommendation when it meets Tuesday at 9 a.m. in room 525 of the County Center.

During budget hearings in June, supervisors agreed to put the animal control contract out to bid because of public displeasure with the shelter on Seventh Ave. run by the Animal Welfare Association.

Three bids were received, one from the Animal Welfare Association, one from University Services Agency proposing to build a new shelter at 1217 River St. and one from the Humane Society suggesting shelters be built at each of the three county dump sites.

While Newell is proposing the

board continue the existing contract through June 30 (the end of the fiscal year) he's also suggesting he be directed to request updated proposals from the Animal Welfare Association and the University Services Agency for future services.

University Services Agency is now saying the River Street site can't be developed for a shelter.

These updated proposals would be due into the County Administrative Office by Jan. 27. Newell is leaving out the Humane Society because of the Animal Control Committee's feeling that the three-shelter approach would be less efficient and more costly than having one shelter.

The Animal Control Committee reviewed all three bids. It consisted of representatives from the county and the cities of Santa Cruz, Capitola and Scotts Valley. All three cities also contract with the Animal Welfare Association.

Newell also wants the board to

direct him to continue to work with the committee on options, including the formation of a joint powers agreement under which the county and the three cities would participate in the construction, lease or purchase of a facility.

Another option may be needed, Newell noted, in case neither the Animal Welfare Association nor the University Services Agency are able to provide services come July 1.

If the board goes along with his recommendations, Newell would return March 6 with a report and suggestion for animal control services.

Other agenda items include a recommendation from Newell to have a report prepared on alternatives to renewing the cable contract with Group W Cable, consideration of a policy on charging cities for Sheriff's services and consideration of a lease with the Santa Cruz Aquatics Team for county property on 17th Avenue.