

Agreement with the Visalia Feral Cat Coalition

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Overview

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Background

- ▶ Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) Pilot Program with the Visalia Feral Cat Coalition (VFCC) began May 2016
- ▶ Purpose to humanely and effectively stabilize and gradually reduce Mooney Grove Park's feral cat population
- ▶ After four years the program accomplishments include:
 - ▶ Total population has remained stable at under 20 cats
 - ▶ All cats are tested for feline immunodeficiency virus and feline leukemia when they are trapped. After being cleared they are vaccinated for rabies, FVRCP and FeLV.
 - ▶ In 2019 trapped and tamed 16 kittens and one mom cat. They were to send to rescues to find loving homes.
- ▶ In 2019, throughout the community, the VFCC spay/neutered over 1700 cats and placed 200 kittens up for adoption

Proposed Agreement

- ▶ Staff and the VFCC have been working together to modify the initial agreement to ensure the goals are mutually beneficial.
- ▶ **Proposed Term:** three years with an option to renew an additional year, up to two years. If approved today, the Agreement could potentially be active for a total of five years.
- ▶ **Proposed New Program Goal:** Attempt to relocate feral cats away from the visitors and County facilities to ensure program does not disturb normal park activities or pose a threat to park patrons, employees, or County property.



Integration of New Feral Cat Colony Management Techniques

- ▶ Housing Structure Pilot Program
- ▶ Relocation Pilot Program
- ▶ Deterrent Pilot Program



Conclusion and Requests

1. Receive a presentation on the Visalia Feral Cat Coalition for a Trap, Neuter and Return program at Mooney Grove Park
2. Approve an Agreement with the Visalia Feral Cat Coalition for a three year term with an option to renew an additional year, up to two years upon approval.
3. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement.

