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**Animal Shelter Coalition Thanks Supervisors**

The Animal Shelter Coalition for El Dorado County thanks the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors for taking action at their July 20 meeting, to move forward with the permanent animal shelter for the Western Slope of El Dorado County. Coalition Coordinator, Barbara Lee, expressed the group's appreciation to Supervisors Briggs, Knight and Santiago for their July 20<sup>th</sup> yes votes to proceed with the project in a phased approach.

The Animal Shelter Coalition, an alliance of residents, businesses and organizations, with over 1,000 supporters has been active over the last six weeks increasing awareness about the project's status, gathering support and encouraging decision makers to move forward on a long standing plan for a permanent animal services facility. With property purchased in 2006, a design complete, and appropriations approved, the Board's action will begin the process of site preparations.

Lee also thanked Supervisors Nutting and Sweeney for their careful consideration of all the input submitted by interested community members.

For more information about the Shelter Coalition and the Western Slope Animal Shelter Project, visit the Coalition website at [www.newshelternow.org](http://www.newshelternow.org)