

Resolution No. XXXX-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TEHAMA ESTABLISHING AND SUPPORTING AN INTEGRATED WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors are responsible for protecting public health and safety and preserving property, livestock, crops, and natural resources within the County;

WHEREAS, predatory animals, wild and feral animals, and other nuisance wildlife may cause damage to property and agricultural resources and may threaten human health and safety;

WHEREAS, the County of Tehama finds it necessary to provide professional wildlife damage management assistance to reduce or manage damage caused by such wildlife;

WHEREAS, the County seeks to administer an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) program, in conformance with the California Wildlife Damage Management Project dated May 2024 with the incorporation of the proposed mitigations found in the Environmental Checklist for California Counties Wildlife Damage management Project adapted for Tehama County and presented to the Board concurrently with this resolution, to address wildlife-related damage through education, technical assistance, and direct management when appropriate;

WHEREAS, the IWDM program will assist business and property owners, private citizens, and governmental agencies in protecting resources from damage caused by wildlife;

WHEREAS, wildlife management actions under the program will be directed toward specific offending animals or localized groups and will be based on evaluations of human safety, humaneness, selectivity, effectiveness, legality, and practicality;

WHEREAS, technical assistance provided by County personnel may include verbal or written advice, recommendations, demonstrations, or training, with implementation generally being the responsibility of the property or resource owner;

WHEREAS, direct wildlife management may be provided by County personnel when technical assistance alone is insufficient and may include the use of traps, firearms, or other lawful methods as mutually agreed upon; and

WHEREAS, the program will be supervised by the Tehama County Assistant Agricultural Commissioner and monitored by the Tehama County Agricultural Commissioner, and will be conducted in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Transportation, California Fire Marshal's Office, and other applicable agencies to ensure compliance with all federal, state and local laws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tehama County Board of Supervisors hereby;

- (1) Approves the establishment and ongoing operation of an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) Program within Tehama County subject to the terms outlined in the forgoing recitals.
- (2) Authorizes the Tehama County Department of Agriculture to administer the program, including providing the personnel to: conduct site evaluations, provide technical assistance and perform direct wildlife management when necessary.
- (3) Designates the Tehama County Assistant Agricultural Commissioner to supervise the program, with oversight by the Tehama County Agricultural Commissioner.
- (4) Directs County staff to cooperate and coordinate with state, federal, and local agencies to ensure effective program implementation and legal compliance.

This resolution shall become operative upon adoption and remain in full force and effect until modified by a subsequent Resolution adopted by the Board.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Supervisor _____, and seconded by Supervisor _____ on _____ and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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COUNTY OF TEHAMA)

I, SEAN HOUGHTBY, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisor of the County of Tehama, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Supervisor on the _____ day of _____.

Dated: _____

SEAN HOUGHTBY, County Clerk and ex-officio
Clerk of the Board of Supervisor,
County of Tehama, State of California

By: _____
Deputy