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County Animal Care Facility Receives Gold Certification Under LEED Standards *The designation highlights County commitment to "green building" construction*

Sacramento, Calif. – The new Animal Care Facility, opened in October 2009, has just received a GOLD LEED certification from the US Green Building Council.

The LEED program - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, certifies the level of green elements in a building's design, including a minimum impact on the environment in construction and energy savings in design.

"We are one of only three shelters in North America to receive gold certification," said Pat Claerbout, Animal Care Facility Director. "We were able to combine the latest in green building standards to make our facility cutting edge. We have one of the most efficient, comfortable and architecturally stunning shelter facilities in the entire nation."

LEED certification works on a green rating system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, a Washington D.C. based non-profit coalition of building industry leaders. The County was awarded 41 points out of 67 possible points for the gold rating in five environmental categories:

1. Sustainable Sites
2. Water Efficiency
3. Energy and Atmosphere
4. Materials and Resources
5. Indoor Environment

Municipal Services Agency's Architectural Services Division provided project management services and Construction Management and Inspection Division led the construction administration effort. The building was designed by George Miers and Associates, a design firm well-renowned for designing state-of-the-art animal shelters. Total project costs for the new facility, which came in within budget, was approximately \$23 million, paid for with dedicated special funding and through grants.

The new Animal Care Facility, located at 3839 Bradshaw Road, and is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the facility and a full list of the LEED certified elements, please visit www.saccountyshelter.net.

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