

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

I was on the Horse Advisory Council, and I recognize the two sides of the issue. However, no one suggested at any meeting that the horses should be killed. if we tried to auction them off,, the State Livestock Board head vet assured me that means that 99% will be sold for slaughter. We tried to find some way to have a sanctuary for the horses, but that effort was unsuccessful. The PZP program is great and must be continued. If there are colts, which are now rare, adoption should be encouraged to reduce the herd. However, the horses are there and have been for many, many years before we started building houses on their historic feeding areas. Now, we have to deal with them.

I agree that feeding within a 100-200 foot distance from the highway is dangerous. However, barring feeding anywhere in Placitas is counterproductive. If no one feeds the horses, they will become even more invasive and aggressive. Starving animals do that. Our land simply cannot feed the horses we have. If feeding is prohibited, the horses will start to starve unless the County is willing to fund a feeding program off somewhere and we can get the horses to that feeding area. Short of that, we have to realize that feeding by people away from the highway actually reduces the invasive and potentially aggressive activities of starving horses. It is simply a bad idea to prevent that feeding.