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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 20, 2025

N.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CITY'S COYOTE MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE PLAN

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2505-030, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE COYOTE MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE PLAN AND MAKING A DETERMINATION FOR EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA

PURSUANT TO THE PLAN, DIRECT STAFF TO PROCURE ON-CALL (AS NEEDED) TRAPPING SERVICES

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- **REVISED PRESENTATION**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Coyote Management and Response Plan

City Manager's Office
May 20, 2025



OUTLINE

1. Background
2. Plan Overview
3. Coyote Management and Response Matrix
4. CEQA Exemption
5. On-Call Trapping Services
6. Recommendations

BACKGROUND

- 2024: approximately 120 coyote sightings reported
 - First known coyote den in Redondo Beach
- 2025 YTD: 35 coyote sightings reported
- No city has effectively eliminated or reduced coyote populations



BACKGROUND

- Certain coyote-human response actions are legally prohibited
- CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife rarely allows relocation due to risks
- Captured coyotes must be released on site or euthanized within 24 hours



BACKGROUND

- Coyotes generally fear humans; attacks are rare
- LA County reports fewer than 10 coyote attacks per year; none documented in South Bay
- Only two recorded fatal coyote attacks in the U.S. and Canada
 - Only U.S. fatality occurred in 1981

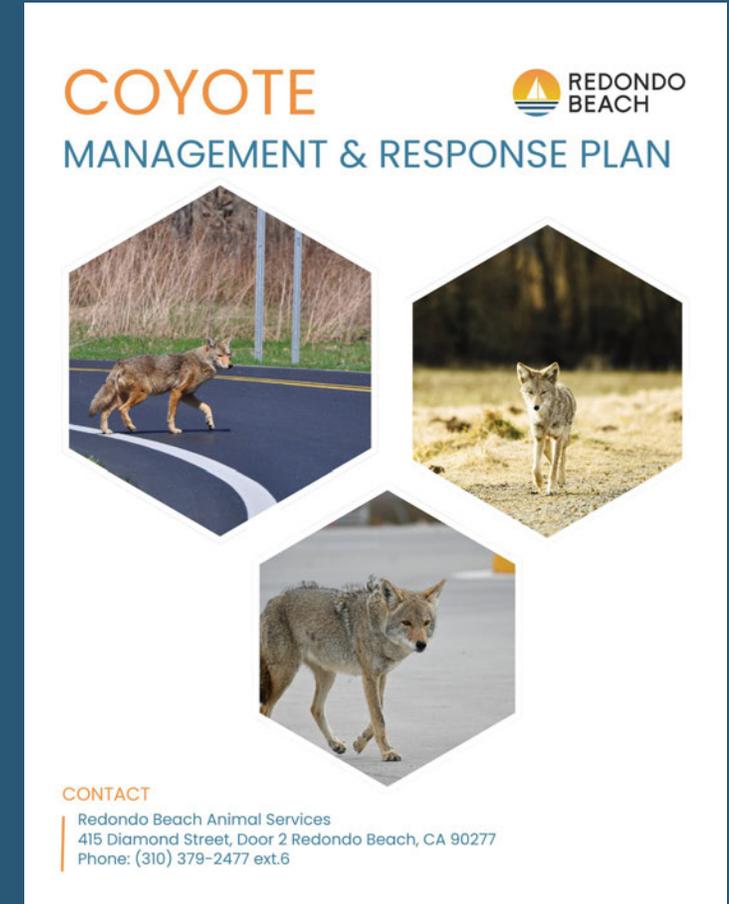


PLAN OVERVIEW

Balance wildlife preservation with public safety

Four-pronged approach:

1. Ensure safe community spaces
2. Enhance deterrence efforts
3. Foster public education
4. Actively monitor coyote activity



COYOTE INCIDENT & RESPONSE MATRIX

- Tiered response framework
- Response based on encounter type
- Goal to minimize interactions and ensure public safety

COYOTE BEHAVIOR	THREAT LEVEL	CITY RESPONSE & ACTION	MITIGATION, RESOURCES, OR ENFORCEMENT
Heard (howling, yipping, etc.)	GREEN	• Monitor activity	• Encourage residents to report sightings
Seen moving, or resting in public areas, distanced from people or pets			• Remove attractants, if necessary
Seen moving or resting in an area close to people			• Haze, if necessary
Denning/pupping is remote from the public.			• Remove attractants, if necessary
Denning/pupping is remote from the public.	YELLOW	• Monitor activity • Educate on pet safety information & yard audit checklist	• Install signs, if applicable
Denning/pupping is remote from the public.			• Clear brush/den after denning season
Entering a private yard with no pets or people present			• Remove attractants, if necessary
Entering a private yard and injuring or killing an unattended pet			• Haze, if necessary
Following or approaching a person with or without a pet (stalking or escorting)			• Enforce leash laws
Injuring or killing an unattended, free-roaming pet or a pet on a leash longer than 6 feet	ORANGE	• Monitor behavior and location • Report incident to CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife	• Enforce private property condition violations
Denning/pupping is in close proximity to the public.			• Eliminate conditions on public property that may harbor/shelter coyotes
Biting or injuring an attended pet			• Install signs, if applicable
Aggressive to a person (showing teeth, back fur raised, lunging, nipping) without contact	RED	• Attempt to identify and track the responsible coyote • Report incident to CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife and LA County Department of Health	• Clear brush/den after denning season
Biting or injuring a person			• Assess other mitigations
Sick or injured coyote		• Animal services to remove or enlist aid in removing the coyote	• Issue Neighborhood Watch & social media alerts
			• Haze
			• Consult with the CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife or a coyote expert
			• Lethal removal or capture may be considered
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			• Lethal removal or capture is considered
			• Report to CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife

INTERNAL PLANNING

- Staff developed an internal response workflow map
 - Roles and Responsibilities matrix
 - Enhanced efficiency and consistency
 - Clear response



CEQA EXEMPTION

- Adoption of the Coyote Management and Response Plan is exempt from CEQA
- Exemption under Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guideline



COYOTE  REDONDO BEACH
MANAGEMENT & RESPONSE PLAN

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ON-CALL TRAPPING SERVICES

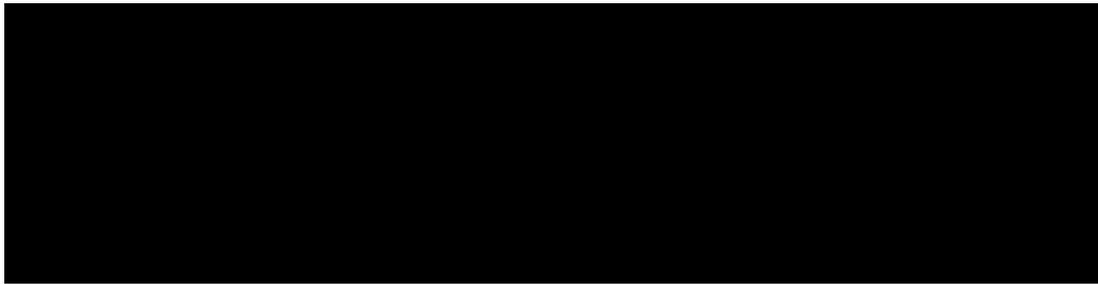
- City consults with the CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) for necessary trapping
 - CDFW leads investigations
 - CDFW has limited resources to trap when necessary
- It is recommended City engage a certified on-call trapper
- Estimated cost: \$1,500 per coyote



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC 2505-030 that formally enacts the Coyote Management and Response Plan and affirms its exemption from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15061 (b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines (14 [California Code of Regulations] CCR §§15000 et seq).
- Direct staff to procure on-call (as needed) trapping services

FW: ReL Live with the Coyotes...



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Hello,

As a sixty-five year resident of Redondo Beach, I am in full support of a 'Living with Coyotes.' plan. We need to learn to share with animals who were here long before us. Residents are 'inviting' coyotes to our city by leaving out cat/dog food, and mostly, in my opinion, having an outdoor cat population. Nextdoor has daily counts of missing cats and dogs. But there are also pictures of coyotes walking away with cats in their jaws!

People need to really understand Coyotes can keep down the rodent population, which has increased too.

Anyway, I just wanted to let you know I support 'teaching humans' vs killing or trapping coyotes.

Regards,

Denise Dangelo