# BYLAWS OF <u>NORTH VALLEY ANIMAL DISASTER GROUP</u> A CALIFORNIA PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION

# ARTICLE 1 OFFICES

# SECTION 1. NAME

This organization shall be known as the North Valley Disaster Group and shall be referred to as the NVADG in this document.

# **SECTION 2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the corporation for the transaction of its business is located in Butte County, California.

# **SECTION 3. CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

The county of the NVADG's principal office can be changed only by amendment of these Bylaws and not otherwise. The Board of Directors may, however, change the principal office from one location to another within the named county by noting the changed address and effective date below, and such changes of address shall not be deemed an amendment of these Bylaws:

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# **SECTION 4. OTHER OFFICES**

The NVADG may also have offices at such other places, within or without the State of California, where it is qualified to do business, as its business may require and as the board of directors may, from time to time, designate.

#### ARTICLE 2 PURPOSES

# **SECTION 1. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

The primary mission of the NVADG is to provide charitable assistance to the general public by working together with public and private agencies in the North Valley of California for the evacuation and sheltering of animals during a disaster. As able, the NVADG will respond to requests for mutual aid from other jurisdictions.

The primary objectives and purposes of the NVADG shall be to promote the safety and well-being of all domestic and farm animals affected by a disaster with emergency temporary sheltering, evacuation, animal health care, and identification for reuniting animals with their owners.

These objectives will be accomplished by:

a. using volunteers who have completed the disaster preparedness training provided by the NVADG;

b. educating governmental and non-governmental agencies and animal owners about the importance of disaster preparedness via educational material including, but not limited to, publications, public service announcements, lectures, and educational demonstrations at public events;

c. providing training exercises and disaster drills;

d. establishing and maintaining an Animal Resource Directory of all providers of services and supplies available for our purposes;

# ARTICLE 3 DIRECTORS

# **SECTION 1. NUMBER**

The NVADG shall have not less than seven (7) nor more than fifteen (15) directors, with the exact number to be fixed within these limits by approval of the Board of Directors or the members, if any, in the manner provided in these Bylaws. Collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors. The number may be changed by amendment of this Bylaw, or by repeal of this Bylaw and adoption of a new Bylaw, as provided in these Bylaws.

# **SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS**

Members of the Board of Directors shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age and not an employee of the NVADG.

# **SECTION 3. POWERS**

Subject to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation law and any limitations in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of this corporation, the activities and affairs of the NVADG shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors.

# **SECTION 4. DUTIES**

It shall be the duty of the directors to:

(a) Perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the NVADG, or by these Bylaws;

(b) Appoint and remove, employ and discharge, and, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation, if any, of all officers, agents and employees of the NVADG;

(c) Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the NVADG to assure that their duties are performed properly;

(d) Meet at such times and places as required by these Bylaws;

(e) Register their addresses with the Secretary of the NVADG and notices of meetings mailed or telegraphed or emailed to them at such addresses shall be valid notices thereof.

# **SECTION 5. TERMS OF OFFICE**

Each director shall hold office until the next annual meeting for election of the Board of Directors as specified in these Bylaws, and until his or her successor is elected and qualifies.

#### **SECTION 6. COMPENSATION**

Directors shall serve without compensation. In addition, they may be allowed reasonable advancement or reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties as specified in Section 3 of this Article. Directors may not be compensated for rendering services to the NVADG in any capacity other than director unless such other compensation is reasonable and is allowable under the provisions of Section 6 of this Article.

# SECTION 7. RESTRICTION REGARDING INTERESTED DIRECTORS

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, not more than forty-nine percent (49%) of the persons serving on the board may be interested persons. For purposes of this Section, "interested persons" means either:

(a) Any person currently being compensated by the NVADG for services rendered it within the previous twelve (12) months, whether as a full- or part-time officer or other employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable compensation paid to a director as director; or

(b) Any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of any such person.

# **SECTION 8. PLACE OF MEETINGS**

Meetings shall be held at such places within or without the State of California which have been designated from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone, electronic video screen communication, or other communications equipment. Participation in a meeting through use of conference telephone constitutes presence in person at that meeting so long as all directors participating in the meeting are able to hear one another. Participation in a meeting through use of electronic video screen communication or other communications equipment (other than conference telephone) constitutes presence in person at that meeting if all of the following apply:

a). Each director participating in the meeting can communicate with all of the other directors concurrently;

b) Each director is provided the means of participating in all matters before the board, including, without limitation, the capacity to propose, or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the NVADG;

c) The NVADG adopts and implements some means of verifying 1) that all persons participating in the meeting are directors of the NVADG or are otherwise entitled to participate in the meeting, and 2) that all actions of, or votes by, the board are taken and cast only by directors and not by persons who are not directors.

# SECTION 9. REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

Regular meetings of Directors shall be held a minimum of six times per year, to be scheduled at the convenience of the directors, at 6:30 PM, unless such day falls on a legal holiday, in which event the regular meeting shall be held at the same hour and place on the next business day.

The annual meeting of Directors shall be held on the second Monday of January, unless such day falls on a legal holiday, in which event the annual meeting shall be held at the same hour and place on the next business day. The NVADG makes no provision for members. Therefore, at the annual meeting of directors, directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors in accordance with this section. Cumulative voting by directors for the election of directors shall not be permitted. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of directors to be elected shall be elected. Each director shall cast one vote, with voting being by ballot only.

# **SECTION 10. SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairperson of the board, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, or by any two directors, and such meetings shall be held at the place, within or without the State of California, and the time designated by the person or persons calling the meeting.

# **SECTION 11. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Regular meetings of the board may be held without notice. Special meetings of the board shall be held upon four (4) days' notice by first-class mail or forty-eight (48) hours' notice delivered personally or by telephone, telegraph or email. If sent by mail or telegraph, the notice shall be deemed to be delivered on its deposit in the mails or on its delivery to the telegraph company. Such notices shall be addressed to each director at his or her address as shown on the books of

the NVADG. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given to absent directors if the time and place of the adjourned meeting are fixed at the meeting adjourned and if such adjourned meeting is held no more than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the original meeting. Notice shall be given of any adjourned regular or special meeting to directors absent from the original meeting if the adjourned meeting is held more than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the original meeting if the adjourned meeting is held more than twenty-four (24) hours from the original meeting.

# **SECTION 12. CONTENTS OF NOTICE**

Notice of meetings not herein dispensed with shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting. The purpose of any board meeting need not be specified in the notice.

# SECTION 13. WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT TO HOLDING MEETINGS

The transactions of any meeting of the board, however called and noticed or wherever held, are as valid as though the meeting had been duly held after proper call and notice, provided a quorum, as hereinafter defined, is present and provided that either before or after the meeting each director not present signs a waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes thereof. All such waivers, consents, or approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

# **SECTION 14. QUORUM FOR MEETINGS**

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the current number of Directors.

Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or in the Articles of Incorporation of the NVADG, or by law, no business shall be considered by the board at any meeting at which a quorum, as hereinafter defined, is not present, and the only motion which the Chair shall entertain at such meeting is a motion to adjourn. However, a majority of the directors present at such meeting may adjourn from time to time until the time fixed for the next regular meeting of the board.

When a meeting is adjourned for lack of a quorum, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at such meeting, other than by announcement at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, except as provided in Section 10 of this Article.

The directors present at a duly called and held meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to do business notwithstanding the loss of a quorum at the meeting due to a withdrawal of directors from the meeting, provided that any action thereafter taken must be approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting or such greater percentage as may be required by law, or the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the NVADG.

# SECTION 15. MAJORITY ACTION AS BOARD ACTION

Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present is the act of the Board of Directors, unless the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the NVADG, or provisions of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, particularly those provisions relating to appointment of committees (Section 5212), approval of contracts or transactions in which a director has a material financial interest (Section 5233) and indemnification of directors (Section 5238e), require a greater percentage or different voting rules for approval of a matter by the board.

# **SECTION 16. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be presided over by the Chairperson of the Board, or, if no such person has been so designated or, in his or her absence, the President of the NVADG or, in his or her absence, by the Vice President of the NVADG or, in the absence of each of these persons, by a Chairperson chosen by a majority of the directors present at the meeting. The Secretary of the NVADG shall act as secretary of all meetings of the board, provided that, in his or her absence, the presiding officer shall appoint another person to act as Secretary of the Meeting.

Meetings shall be governed by the current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order, as such rules may be revised from time to time, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with these Bylaws, with the Articles of Incorporation of the NVADG, or with provisions of law.

# SECTION 17. ACTION BY UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT WITHOUT MEETING

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. For the purposes of this Section only, "all members of the board" shall not include any "interested director" as defined in Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Bylaws of the NVADG authorize the directors to so act, and such statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

# **SECTION 18. VACANCIES**

Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall exist (1) on the death, resignation or removal of any director, and (2) whenever the number of authorized directors is increased.

The Board of Directors may declare vacant the office of a director who has been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court, or convicted of a felony, or been found by a final order or judgment of any court to have breached any duty under Section 5230 and following of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

Directors may be removed without cause by a majority of the directors then in office.

Any director may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Chairperson of the Board, the President, the Secretary, or the Board of Directors, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. No director may resign if the NVADG would then be left without a duly elected director or directors in charge of its affairs, except upon notice to the Attorney General.

Vacancies on the board may be filled by approval of the board or, if the number of directors then in office is less than a quorum, by (1) the unanimous written consent of the directors then in office, (2) the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office at a meeting held pursuant to notice or waivers of notice complying with this Article of these Bylaws, or (3) a sole remaining director. If the NVADG has members, however, vacancies created by the removal of a director may be filled only by the approval of the members. The members, if any, of the NVADG may elect a director at any time to fill any vacancy not filled by the directors.

A person elected to fill a vacancy as provided by this Section shall hold office until the next annual election of the Board of Directors or until his or her death, resignation or removal from office.

# SECTION 19. NON-LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

The directors shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the NVADG.

# SECTION 20. INDEMNIFICATION BY CORPORATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND OTHER AGENTS

To the extent that a person who is, or was, a director, officer, employee or other agent of the NVADG has been successful on the merits in defense of any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative proceeding brought to procure a judgment against such person by reason of the fact that he or she is, or was, an agent of the NVADG, or has been successful in defense of any claim, issue or matter, therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such proceeding.

If such person either settles any such claim or sustains a judgment against him or her, then indemnification against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts reasonably incurred in connection with such proceedings shall be provided by the NVADG but only to the extent allowed by, and in accordance with the requirements of, Section 5238 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

# SECTION 21. INSURANCE FOR CORPORATE AGENTS

The Board of Directors may adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase and maintenance of insurance on behalf of any agent of the NVADG (including a director, officer, employee or other agent of the NVADG) against any liability other than for violating provisions of law relating to self-dealing (Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law) asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such, whether or not the NVADG would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the provisions of Section 5238 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

# ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

# **SECTION 1. NUMBER OF OFFICERS**

The officers of the NVADG shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Chief Financial Officer who shall be designated the Treasurer. The NVADG may also have, as determined by the Board of Directors, a Chairperson of the Board, one or more Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers, or other officers. Any number of offices may be held by the same person except that neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer may serve as the President or Chairperson of the Board.

# SECTION 2. QUALIFICATION, ELECTION, AND TERM OF OFFICE

Any person may serve as officer of the NVADG. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors, at any time, and each officer shall hold office until he or she resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified, whichever occurs first.

# **SECTION 3. SUBORDINATE OFFICERS**

The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem desirable, and such officers shall serve such terms, have such authority, and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

# **SECTION 4. REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION**

Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the Board of Directors at any time. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the President or Secretary of the NVADG. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or at any later date specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. The above provisions of this Section shall be superseded by any conflicting terms of a contract which has been approved or ratified by the Board of Directors relating to the employment of any officer of the NVADG.

# **SECTION 5. VACANCIES**

Any vacancy caused by the death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, of any officer shall be filled by the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than that of President, such vacancy may be filled temporarily by appointment by the President until such time as the Board shall fill the vacancy. Vacancies occurring in offices of officers appointed at the discretion of the board may or may not be filled as the board shall determine.

# **SECTION 6. DUTIES OF PRESIDENT**

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the NVADG and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, supervise and control the affairs of the NVADG and the activities of the officers. He or she shall perform all duties incident to his or her office and such other duties as

may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the NVADG, or by these Bylaws, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Unless another person is specifically appointed as Chairperson of the Board of Directors, he or she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. If applicable, the President shall preside at all meetings of the members. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, he or she shall, in the name of the NVADG, execute such deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, or other instruments which may from time to time be authorized by the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION 7. DUTIES OF VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions on, the President. The Vice President shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

#### **SECTION 8. DUTIES OF SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall:

Certify and keep at the principal office of the NVADG the original, or a copy of these Bylaws as amended or otherwise altered to date.

Keep at the principal office of the NVADG or at such other place as the board may determine, a book of minutes of all meetings of the directors, and, if applicable, meetings of committees of directors and of members, recording therein the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, how called, how notice thereof was given, the names of those present or represented at the meeting, and the proceedings thereof.

See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law.

Be custodian of the records and of the seal of the NVADG and see that the seal is affixed to all duly executed documents, the execution of which on behalf of the NVADG under its seal is authorized by law or these Bylaws.

Keep at the principal office of the NVADG a membership book containing the name and address of each and any members, and, in the case where any membership has been terminated, he or she shall record such fact in the membership book together with the date on which such membership ceased.

Exhibit at all reasonable times to any director of the NVADG, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request therefore, the Bylaws, the membership book, and the minutes of the proceedings of the directors of the NVADG.

In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the NVADG, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board of Directors.

# **SECTION 9. DUTIES OF TREASURER**

Subject to the provisions of these Bylaws relating to the "Execution of Instruments, Deposits and Funds," the Treasurer shall:

Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the NVADG, and deposit all such funds in the name of the NVADG in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors.

Receive, and give receipt for, monies due and payable to the NVADG from any source whatsoever.

Disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the NVADG as may be directed by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements.

Keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the NVADG's properties and business transactions, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses.

Exhibit at all reasonable times the books of account and financial records to any director of the NVADG, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request therefore.

Render to the President and directors, whenever requested, an account of any or all of his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the NVADG.

Prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify, or cause to be certified, the financial statements to be included in any required reports.

In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the NVADG, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board of Directors.

# **SECTION 10. COMPENSATION**

The salaries of the officers, if any, shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he or she is also a director of the NVADG, provided, however, that such compensation paid a director for serving as an officer of the NVADG shall only be allowed if permitted under the provisions of Article 3, Section 6 of these Bylaws. In all cases, any salaries received by officers of the NVADG shall be reasonable and given in return for services actually rendered for the NVADG which relate to the performance of the charitable or public purposes of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES

# **SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote of directors, designate two (2) or more of its board members (who may also be serving as officers of the NVADG) to constitute an Executive

Committee and delegate to such Committee any of the powers and authority of the board in the management of the business and affairs of the NVADG, except with respect to:

(a) The approval of any action which, under law or the provisions of these Bylaws, requires the approval of the members or of a majority of all of the members.

(b) The filling of vacancies on the board or on any committee which has the authority of the board.

(c) The fixing of compensation of the directors for serving on the board or on any committee.

(d) The amendment or repeal of Bylaws or the adoption of new Bylaws.

(e) The amendment or repeal or any resolution of the board which by its express terms is not so amendable or repealable.

(f) The appointment of committees of the board or the members thereof.

(g) The expenditure of corporate funds to support a nominee for director after there are more people nominated for director than can be elected.

(h) The approval of any transaction to which the NVADG is a party and in which one or more of the directors has a material financial interest, except as expressly provided in Section 5233(d)(3) of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

By a majority vote of its members then in office, the board may at any time revoke or modify any or all of the authority so delegated, increase or decrease but not below two (2) the number of its members, and fill vacancies therein from the members of the board. The Committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings, cause them to be filed with the corporate records, and report the same to the board from time to time as the board may require.

# **SECTION 2. OTHER COMMITTEES**

The NVADG shall have such other committees as may from time to time be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors. Such other committees may consist of persons who are not also members of the board. These additional committees shall act in an advisory capacity only to the board and shall be clearly titled as "advisory" committees.

# SECTION 3. MEETINGS AND ACTION OF COMMITTEES

Meetings and action of committees shall be governed by, noticed, held and taken in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws concerning meetings of the Board of Directors, with such changes in the context of such Bylaw provisions as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board of Directors and its members, except that the time for regular meetings of committees may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors or by the committee. The time for special meetings of committees may also be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may also adopt rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of meetings of committees to the extent that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.

# ARTICLE 6 EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

# **SECTION 1. EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS**

The Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, may by resolution authorize any officer or agent of the NVADG to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the NVADG, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the NVADG by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.

# **SECTION 2. CHECKS AND NOTES**

Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the NVADG shall be signed by the Treasurer, Vice President or President of the NVADG.

# **SECTION 3. DEPOSITS**

All funds of the NVADG shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the NVADG in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

# **SECTION 4. GIFTS**

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the NVADG any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the charitable or public purposes of this corporation.

# ARTICLE 7 CORPORATE RECORDS, REPORTS AND SEAL

# SECTION 1. MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE RECORDS

The NVADG shall keep at its principal office in the State of California:

(a) Minutes of all meetings of directors, and committees of the board, indicating the time and place of holding such meetings, whether regular or special, how called, the notice given, and the names of those present and the proceedings thereof;

(b) Adequate and correct books and records of account, including accounts of its properties and business transactions and accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses;

(c) A record of its board members,-indicating their names and addresses and the termination date of any position held;

(d) A copy of the NVADG's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as amended to date, which shall be open to inspection by the board members, of the NVADG at all reasonable times during office hours.

# SECTION 2. CORPORATE SEAL

The Board of Directors may adopt, use, and at will alter, a corporate seal. Such seal shall be kept at the principal office of the NVADG. Failure to affix the seal to corporate instruments, however, shall not affect the validity of any such instrument.

# **SECTION 3. DIRECTORS' INSPECTION RIGHTS**

Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect and copy all books, records and documents of every kind and to inspect the physical properties of the NVADG.

# SECTION 4. RIGHT TO COPY AND MAKE EXTRACTS

Any inspection under the provisions of this Article may be made in person or by agent or attorney and the right to inspection includes the right to copy and make extracts.

# **SECTION 5. ANNUAL REPORT**

The board shall cause an annual report to be furnished not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the close of the NVADG's fiscal year to all directors of the corporation, which report shall contain the following information in appropriate detail:

(a) The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the NVADG as of the end of the fiscal year;

(b) The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year;

(c) The revenue or receipts of the NVADG, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for the fiscal year;

(d) The expenses or disbursements of the NVADG, for both general and restricted purposes, during the fiscal year;

(e) Any information required by Section  $7 \underline{6}$  of this Article.

The annual report shall be accompanied by any report thereon of independent accountants, or, if there is no such report, the certificate of an authorized officer of the NVADG that such statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the corporation.

# **SECTION 6. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS**

The NVADG shall mail or deliver to all directors a statement within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the close of its fiscal year which briefly describes the amount and circumstances of any indemnification or transaction of the following kind:

(a) Any transaction in which the NVADG, or its parent or its subsidiary, was a party, and in which either of the following had a direct or indirect material financial interest:

(1) Any director or officer of the NVADG, or its parent or subsidiary (a mere common directorship shall not be considered a material financial interest); or

(2) Any holder of more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of the NVADG, its parent or its subsidiary.

The above statement need only be provided with respect to a transaction during the previous fiscal year involving more than FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) or which was one of a number of transactions with the same persons involving, in the aggregate, more than FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000).

Similarly, the statement need only be provided with respect to indemnifications or advances aggregating more than TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) paid during the previous fiscal year to any director or officer, except that no such statement need be made if such indemnification was approved by the members pursuant to Section 5238(e)(2) of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

Any statement required by this Section shall briefly describe the names of the interested persons involved in such transactions, stating each person's relationship to the NVADG, the nature of such person's interest in the transaction and, where practical, the amount of such interest, provided that in the case of a transaction with a partnership of which such person is a partner, only the interest of the partnership need be stated.

# ARTICLE 8 FISCAL YEAR

### SECTION 1. FISCAL YEAR OF THE CORPORATION

The fiscal year of the NVADG shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

#### ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

# **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT**

Subject to any provision of law applicable to the amendment of Bylaws of public benefit nonprofit corporations, these Bylaws, or any of them, may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws adopted.

#### ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

# **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

Any amendment of the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of the Board of Directors.

# **SECTION 2. CERTAIN AMENDMENTS**

Notwithstanding the above sections of this Article, the NVADG shall not amend its Articles of Incorporation to alter any statement which appears in the original Articles of Incorporation of the names and addresses of the first directors of this corporation, nor the name and address of its initial agent, except to correct an error in such statement or to delete such statement after the NVADG has filed a "Statement by a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation" pursuant to Section 6210 of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law.

# ARTICLE 11 PROHIBITION AGAINST SHARING CORPORATE PROFITS AND ASSETS

# SECTION 1. PROHIBITION AGAINST SHARING CORPORATE PROFITS AND ASSETS

No member, director, officer, employee, or other person connected with the NVADG, or any private individual, shall receive at any time any of the net earnings or pecuniary profit from the operations of the corporation, provided, however, that this provision shall not prevent payment to any such person of reasonable compensation for services performed for the NVADG in effecting any of its public or charitable purposes, provided that such compensation is otherwise permitted by these Bylaws and is fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors; and no such person or persons shall be entitled to share in the distribution of, and shall not receive, any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the NVADG. All members, if any, of the NVADG shall be deemed to have expressly consented and agreed that on such dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the corporation, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, the assets of the NVADG, after all debts have been satisfied, shall be distributed as required by the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation and not otherwise.

#### ARTICLE 12 MEMBERS

#### **SECTION 1. DETERMINATION OF MEMBERS**

The NVADG makes no provision for members, Thus, pursuant to Section 5310(b) of the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law of the State of California, any action which would otherwise, under law or the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of this corporation, require approval by a majority of all members or approval by the members, shall only require the approval of the Board of Directors.

# WRITTEN CONSENT OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING BYLAWS

We, the undersigned, are all of the persons named as the initial directors in the Articles of Incorporation of the North Valley Animal Disaster Group, a California nonprofit corporation, and, pursuant to the authority granted to the directors by these Bylaws to take action by unanimous written consent without a meeting, consent to, and hereby do, adopt the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of fifteen (15) pages, as the Bylaws of this corporation.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Ann Aldrich, Director

John Barbour, Director

Sandra Doolittle, Director

Susie Heffernan, Director

John Maretti, Director

Danny Merme Nichols, Director

Janet Ott, Director

# CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Bylaws of the North Valley Animal Disaster Group named in the title thereto and that such Bylaws were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said corporation on the date set forth below.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Ann Aldrich, Secretary