

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Barry Ng

**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ON ALLEGED DOG  
POISONING ALONG THREE  
CREEKS TRAIL

**DATE:** June 26, 2015

Approved

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Date

6/26/15

## INFORMATION

The purpose of this memo is to provide a status update for a suspected dog poisoning incident that occurred in the Willow Glen Area on June 2, 2015, along the Three Creeks Trail south of Alma Avenue near Cross Way. The incident generated news media inquiries at the time. A resident had been walking on the trail with a dog that had consumed pet food which appeared to have been laced with a white powdery substance. The police department was notified and a sample was collected. The dog was provided medical care and did not suffer any harm. There was no other food with a powdery substance found in the area by police investigators, animal service officers or City park rangers.

The substance was sent by our Animal Care and Services Division to the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory at UC Davis which performed an analysis. The laboratory used gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) and liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry organic chemical screens. These screens are designed to detect a large number of organic compounds belonging to diverse chemical classes such as pesticides, environmental contaminants, drugs, and natural products. No toxic compounds were detected.

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