

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 1998

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO DONATE BOTTLED WATER TOWARDS
HURRICANE MITCH RELIEF

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the transfer of surplus bottled water to victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras.

It is further recommended that the City Council find that based upon the information contained herein and such further information as may be presented to the City Council at its November 16th regular meeting, a public purpose is served by exempting the proposed transfer from the provisions of the Salvage and Scrap Property Ordinance P.M.C. 4.04, pursuant to section 4.04.080.

BACKGROUND

Approximately two weeks ago Hurricane Mitch swept through Central America leaving a path of devastation and destruction in its wake. The death toll from the disaster is currently estimated at 10,000 and relief agencies are scrambling to feed and shelter the millions of people that have been affected.

According to news reports, potable water is in short supply and desperately needed. The Public Works and Transportation and Water & Power Departments have identified 3,450 half-liter bottles of water and another 120 one-gallon bottles that are available for donation to the Hurricane relief efforts. The half-liter bottles were originally purchased as promotional give-a-ways for the City's recycling program and the one-gallon bottles are to provide City water customers during service outages.

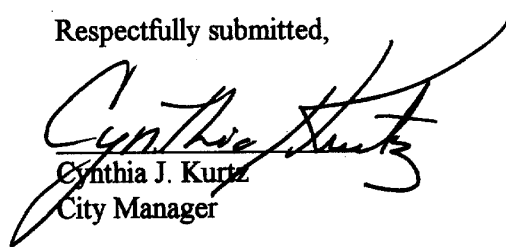
There is no specific City ordinance dealing with the donation of materials and supplies for the emergency relief such as that outlined herein. The Salvage and Scrap Property Ordinance addresses the disposition of City property that is no longer of usefulness to the City. Pursuant to that Ordinance City Council authorization is required to donate surplus items to agencies other than the Pasadena Unified School District. Using this Ordinance

as a guide in this situation, staff is requesting Council authorization to make this donation of much needed water to the victims of Hurricane Mitch.

FISCAL IMPACT


The total estimated value of the water being donated is less than \$800.

Respectfully submitted,

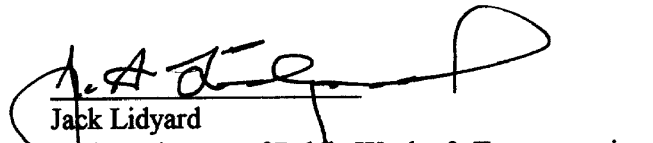


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