



City of Chula Vista

Staff Report

File#: 14-0135, **Item#:** 10.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-050 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF TWO FIRE ENGINES TO THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TECATE AND ENSENADA IN BAJA CALIFORNIA

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

In 2013, the City Council authorized the lease/purchase of a new fire engine. With the addition of the new engine, staff also recommended removing from service two aged reserve fire engines that have significant mechanical repair issues. In Council discussion of the item, it was suggested that the Fire Chief consider donating the two engines to neighboring cities in Mexico for continued use. The municipalities of Tecate and Ensenada in Baja California have each expressed interest in adding a fire engine to their fleet. This action authorizes the donation of the fire engines.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This proposed activity has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and it has been determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is necessary.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable

DISCUSSION

The municipalities of Tecate and Ensenada in Baja California have each expressed interest in adding a fire engine to their fleet. This action authorizes the donation of one fire engine to each municipality. The fire engines will be donated as is without any warranty or expectation of performance. The estimated salvage value at auction of the two fire engines is \$25,000 (see attached letter regarding estimated value).

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations section 18704.2 (a)(1), is not applicable to this decision. Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

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The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. The donation of the fire engine supports the Connected Community goal, which includes cultivating and promoting partnerships that expand and improve services. Strengthening relationships with neighboring cities that are important trade partners for City businesses and tourist destinations for residents can have long-term reciprocal benefits as those cities consider reinvestment back into the region.

CURRENT YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated salvage value at auction of the two fire engines is \$25,000.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact as this is a one-time donation that will remove vehicles from the fleet.

ATTACHMENT:

Letter Regarding Estimated Value of Two Reserve Fire Engines