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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Michael Stoltz for Robert Peterson - Director  
Public Works  
**REPORT BY:** Nancy Owyong, Staff Services Analyst I, 253-4603  
**SUBJECT:** Donation of 2 Kenworth Water Tenders

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer/Purchasing Agent, Director of Public Works, and County Fire Chief request the following:

1. Declare certain fixed assets, as surplus and no longer required for public use;
2. Authorize their removal from the fixed asset inventory; and
3. Authorize their disposal by donating them to the Grasshopper Valley Volunteer Fire Department. (4/5 vote required)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

County Fire has requested that two Kenworth water tenders be declared surplus as they are no longer required for public use, and allow the County to donate them to the Grasshopper Valley Volunteer Fire Department located in Polaris, Montana.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Government Code Section 25372 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to donate any real or personal property that the Board declares to be surplus to public agencies, public schools, and tax-exempt health and human service organizations.

The Grasshopper Valley Volunteer Fire Dept. in Polaris, Montana has contacted the County and requested the donation of the two Kenworth water tenders. The Grasshopper Volunteer Fire Dept. was formed in 1999 because the closest fire department was located 40 miles away. The department provides emergency response to a 157 square mile area. The fire department relies heavily of donations and fund raisers in order to operate. The department became aware of the water tenders through a retired City of Napa Firefighter. The Grasshopper Valley Volunteer Fire Dept. has also received donations from the City of Napa, American Canyon Fire Protection District, California Department of Forestry and a fire department in Oregon.

The water tenders have been removed from service and are currently being stored at the County Corporation Yard. County Fire sends its vehicles to public auction along with other County's surplus (computer, office furniture, etc.). This auction marketplace does not produce a significant dollar value because the auction is not specific to fire equipment. Staff has been researching alternative auctions and/or websites that are more specific to the sale of fire equipment, but to date, have not found any that meet current statute requirements. Staff will continue in efforts in locating an appropriate marketplace for the auctioning of future fire department surplus.

The Napa County Fire Department indicates that the water tenders are of limited value for fire response purposes given their design specifications. The Grasshopper Valley Volunteer Fire Department is aware of the design specifications and has requested the donation of this equipment for its fire protection purposes. The Grasshopper Valley Volunteer Fire Department will be responsible for removal of the water tenders from Napa County and for all costs associated with acquiring and transporting the equipment to their district.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Attachment A

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey