Council Meeting of
May 6, 2008

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Torrance City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Public Works – Appropriate funds for Emergency Water System Repair Work. Expenditure: $42,649.**

## RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that the City Council approve the appropriation of $42,649 to pay for emergency water system repair work performed by Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc.

### Funding

Funding is available in the Water Enterprise Fund.

## BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

During annual inspection and maintenance of operating valves for the 16-inch steel water main located in Hawthorne Boulevard, two 16-inch main valves near the Carson Street intersection broke in the closed position.

Based on the fact that the 16-inch main is a major water transmission line through the Hawthorne corridor that supplies water throughout the city, the two closed valves greatly impacted directional flows and created the necessity to perform emergency repair work. Staff determined to utilize a contract service to perform the emergency repair work since the replacement of the valves required certified structural welding on the steel main and engineered trench shoring for the 10-foot deep excavation.

Public Works' staff solicited contractors specializing in this scope of work and received the following two bids: Castongia Inc., (not-to-exceed amount of $73,728); and Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc. (not-to-exceed amount of $42,649).

Upon receiving approval from the City Manager, the Public Works Department contracted with the lowest bidder, Stephen Doreck Equip. Rentals, Inc. to perform the emergency repair work that began on April 10, 2008 and was successfully completed on April 15, 2008. Final contract service cost for the emergency repair was $42,649.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCUR:

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