

Council Meeting of
March 10, 2009

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Public Works – Authorize donation of used curbside recycling containers to the Torrance Unified School District. Expenditure: None

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council authorize the donation of approximately 450 used curbside recycling containers to the Torrance Unified School District for recycling, emergency preparedness storage, or other uses. The original investment for these containers was approximately \$15,750.

Funding

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Since the City began offering a 96-gallon recycling container to our residents in September 2007, many of the smaller 64-gallon cans have been returned to the City. It has been past practice to recycle old and/or damaged containers, however due to the quantity and good condition of these returned containers, staff contacted the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) and asked them if they could use them for the schools.

Nearly 30 of the schools have expressed interest in obtaining the containers for use in recycling programs, storage for earthquake kits or emergency preparedness materials or other needs. The requested containers can save the TUSD the expense of providing containers and allows the containers to be reused in a purposeful manner, rather than being immediately recycled.

The TUSD prepared a list of the schools that have requested the containers to help us expedite delivery. The containers will be delivered by City staff as scheduling allows, if the donation is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. BESTE
Public Works Director



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CONCUR:



Robert J. Beste
Public Works Director



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City Manager