



**CITY OF SALINAS  
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2023**

**DEPARTMENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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**TITLE: SURPLUS FIRE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR DISPOSAL**

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Salinas Fire Department recommends that the City Council approve a resolution, as per Salinas Municipal Code sections 12-15 and 12-16, declaring certain vehicles and equipment surplus and authorizing the donation of two surplus fire apparatus and fire suppression equipment to the Mexican communities of Chavinda, Michoacan and San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, and the disposal of several surplus vehicles through contracted auction services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The department has identified several command vehicles and two fire apparatus that no longer meet service demands. Additionally, surplus equipment is available for donation, no longer meeting community fire protection needs. The recommendation is to donate surplus fire apparatus Vehicle #1 to the community of Chavinda, Michoacan and Vehicle #2 to the community of San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora and declare the remaining vehicles on the provided list as surplus, authorizing their disposal through contracted auction services.

BACKGROUND:

The Mayors of the communities of Chavinda and San Luis Rio Colorado have reached out to the Salinas Fire Department and requested assistance with the donation of fire apparatus to serve their town. The community of Chavinda serves approximately 10,450 residents and does not currently own an apparatus to help with their increasing wildland and residential fires. The community of San Luis Rio Colorado has a volunteer fire division working on limited funding and has the need to replace their only apparatus. . The City Council is authorized by Salinas City Code section 12-16 to donate surplus personal property of the City.

Upon approval of the City Council, the following vehicle would be donated to the community of Chavinda:

Vehicle #1 is a 2001 HME Central States, Model 1871 Type 1 Fire Engine, License 1102431. This unit previously served as the first out engine at Fire Station 2 and as a reserve engine since 2018 and was replaced by a 2021 Pierce Enforcer Type 1 fire engine at Fire Station 1.

Upon approval of the City Council, the following vehicle would be donated to the community of San Luis Rio Colorado:

Vehicle #2 is a 2002 HME Central States, Model 1871 Type 1 Fire Engine, License 1130477. This unit previously served as the first out engine at Fire Station 3 and as a reserve engine since 2016. This unit is replaced by a 2021 Pierce Enforcer Type 1 fire engine at Fire Station 6.

Resolution #21831 authorized the surplus of miscellaneous firefighting tools and equipment, vehicle accessories, and firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE) that are beyond useful life or no longer supported by the manufacturer for parts or repair. The Salinas Fire Department is seeking authorization to donate these items to the municipality of Chavinda, Michoacan, along with Vehicle #1 and #2 above.

Upon approval of the City Council, the following vehicles would be surplus and disposed of through contracted auction services:

Vehicle #3 is a 1988 Simon Duplex Tractor Drawn Aerial, License 1346950. This unit was purchased from City of Anaheim in 2015 and used as a training tiller during the transition from straight ladder truck to tractor drawn aerials.

Vehicle # 4 is a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria sedan, license 1233947. This vehicle is 15 years old and has had a variety of mechanical issues. This vehicle was a former Fire Chief car and staff car for the Fire Department.

Vehicle # 5 is 2007 Ford Expedition, UT4. This vehicle was the EMS officer's vehicle and later a staff utility vehicle. This vehicle has been replaced by a 2022 Ram 1500.

Vehicle #6 is a 2002 Chevy Tahoe, UT6. This vehicle was a Fire Prevention vehicle and an administrative staff vehicle.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This resolution supports the Council's strategic plan initiative of Effective and Culturally Responsive Government.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Fire Department will work with the Public Works Fleet Maintenance division to ensure all of Salinas Fire Department's proprietary evidence is removed.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There are no fiscal impacts to the City's General Fund by authorizing this donation of fire apparatus and equipment and the disposal of vehicles, as recommended in this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution  
Letter of request