



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 10/14/2010

Agenda Item #: R-15

Est. Start Time: 11:20 am

Agenda Title: **Resolution on Take Back the Tap: Restrictions on Bottled Water**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: October 14, 2010 **Amount of Time Needed:** 40 minutes

Department: District 2 Commissioner Willer **Division:** _____

Contact(s): Sarah Brownstein

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Julia DeGraw, NW Organizer for Food & Water Watch; Jon Schrotzberger, Director of Facilities and Property Maintenance; Sonia Manhas, Program Manager for Community Wellness and Prevention; Kathleen West, Director of the Office of Sustainability; Tim Lynch, Climate and Energy Specialist for the Office of Sustainability; Sarah Brownstein, Staff Assistant to District 2 Commissioner Willer

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Board approval of a resolution to no longer use Multnomah County funds to purchase bottled water for use in Multnomah County facilities or at Multnomah County events, except in cases of emergency, where there are no reasonable alternatives to access safe drinking water; when there are hydration requirements for employees working outside of County facilities; or other legal or other contractual reasons are present.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

This resolution seeks to eliminate redundancy of County funds used for supplying water to Multnomah County employees and for County events. In FY2009, the County spent \$20,201.31 on bottled water purchases through Central Stores and from bottled water services. This amount does not include bottled water purchased P-Cards. Multnomah County Facilities and Property Management has been ensuring the quality of County drinking water and providing filters to improve the taste of water in County buildings since

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the mid-1990's. This resolution highlights these efforts and the superior quality of the local water sources in Multnomah County, and comes at a time where prudent decisions as they relate to environmental and fiscal health must be the standard.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

This resolution will not result in any additional costs to the county. In 2009, Multnomah County spent a minimum of \$20,000 on bottled water.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None known at this time.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

This resolution is the result of collaboration within the County across departments and offices. In addition, Food & Water Watch has been heavily involved in a consulting capacity for the educational component of this effort and donated stainless steel bottles for pledge prizes. Klean Kanteen donated stainless bottles as pledge prizes and offered bottles with our Multnomah County Take Back the Tap logo available for purchase at a reduced rate. Finally, the Portland Water Bureau led a VIP tour of Bull Run for County employees.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**

Barbara Willer

Date: 10/6/2010

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