



DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

CITY MANAGER

February 3, 2011

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SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO ADOPTING THE 67th AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO. 2010-138 APPROPRIATING \$79,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF STOLEN COPPER WIRE

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the 67th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2010-138 appropriating \$79,000 from the City's Risk Reimbursement Fund to the Public Works Department, Street Maintenance, Streetlight Section to replace copper wire that has been stolen from City streetlights.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Fresno continues to experience copper wire thefts. Since September 22, 2010 through December 31, 2010, the City incurred losses of \$91,500 due to these thefts. After insurance deductibles are paid, Public Works will receive \$79,000 as reimbursement for the losses incurred which will be used to replace the stolen wire.

In an ongoing effort to eliminate these thefts, Public Works staff continues to implement theft deterrent measures, repair locations (and in the new installations throughout the City); and assist the Fresno Police Department in their efforts to apprehend the thieves, however, thefts are continuing in parts of the City where streetlight wire is still accessible.

## BACKGROUND

From September 22, 2010 through December 31, 2010, the City incurred losses of \$91,500 due to copper wire thefts at 50 locations. The locations of the thefts are not confined to selected areas of the City rather the thefts have impacted streetlights throughout the City. The thefts are discovered when Street Maintenance staff respond to streetlight outages. The thieves open the pull box lids near the streetlights, cut the copper wire and remove the wire from the conduit between the streetlights. After insurance deductibles are paid, Public Works will receive \$79,000 as reimbursement for the above losses incurred.

Through ongoing efforts, Public Works continues to mitigate the thefts of copper wire and ensure public safety by taking the following steps:

- Staff works directly with Fresno Police Department to assist the police with their investigations.
- Crews reinstall copper wire with anti-theft measures that proved successful in preventing repeat theft.
- Staff added the requirement for developers to install our anti-theft measure in pull boxes in new developments.
- Temporary crews specifically employed for this purpose are 100% dedicated to reinstalling stolen copper wire and energizing the streetlights. The outages are addressed in the order of notification of outage.

Although much has been done and arrests are made, the thefts continue. At this time, staff is requesting that \$79,000 be immediately appropriated to cover the recent losses.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact for these losses is \$91,500 of which \$12,500 will go toward insurance deductibles and \$79,000 be paid to the Public Works Department, Street Division, Streetlight Section from Personnel Department, Risk Division. Funds will pay for labor and material to replace stolen copper wire.

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Reso Adopt 67<sup>th</sup> Amd to AAR for Replacement Copper Wire 2-3-2011

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO  
ADOPTING THE 67<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-138 APPROPRIATING \$79,000 FOR THE  
REPLACEMENT OF STOLEN COPPER WIRE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO:

THAT PART III of the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2010-138 be and is hereby amended  
as follows:

	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
TO: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	
General Fund	\$ 79,000

THAT account titles and numbers requiring adjustment by this Resolution are as follows:

General Fund

Revenues:

Account: <b>39021</b> Property Losses	\$ 79,000
Fund: <b>10101</b>	
Org Unit: <b>182001</b>	

Total Revenues	<u>\$ 79,000</u>
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Appropriations:

Account: <b>51201</b> Non-Permanent Salaries	\$ 64,000
<b>56121</b> Inventory	<u>15,000</u>
Fund: <b>10101</b>	
Org Unit: <b>182001</b>	
CS: <b>SQ002</b>	

Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 79,000</u>
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THAT the purpose is to appropriate \$79,000 in property loss proceeds to the Streets  
Division/Streetlight Section for the replacement of stolen copper wire.

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF FRESNO } ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO }

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
Council Override Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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REBECCA E. KLISCH  
City Clerk