

RESOLUTION NO. 07-177, SERIES 2007

CITY OF DAVIS BOTTLED WATER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Davis provides fresh, clean, and healthy tap water to all its homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, City of Davis tap water is extensively tested and must meet rigorous purity standards; and

WHEREAS, this tap water is readily and conveniently available in every city facility; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 25 to 40% of bottled water originates as tap water before it is placed in the bottle; and

WHEREAS, only about 1 in every 5 bottled water containers is recycled (in California the recycling rate is approximately 60%), and these bottles are one of the fastest growing sources of municipal solid waste in the country; and

WHEREAS, it requires an estimated 1.5 million barrels of oil per year to produce the bottles, and substantial amounts of energy are also required to bottle the water, to transport it by ship, train, or truck to retail outlets, to cool it, and to process discarded bottles, and the amount of energy used for this purpose is both an energy efficiency concern and a national security concern; and

WHEREAS, the US Conference of Mayors estimates that the energy used to manufacture bottles is enough to generate electricity for 250,000 homes or fuel for 100,000 cars each year; and

WHEREAS, the cost of bottled water can be more than 1,000 times the cost of an equal amount of tap water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Davis encourages all Davis residents and businesses to consider alternatives to the purchase of bottled water; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Davis encourages citizens and businesses who do use bottled water to recycle those bottles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, effective November 15, 2007 except as noted below, no city funds will be used by any department or agency of the City of Davis to purchase single-serving bottles of water, including for city funded or sponsored events. These restrictions shall not apply when the purchase of single-serving bottles of water by the city is:

1. Required to maintain effectiveness of personnel responding to emergency situations (e.g. fire, police, EOC, etc.); or
2. Required to protect public health and safety (e.g. city sponsored events where temperatures are expected to be extreme and no other viable alternative exists).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this twenty-third day of October 2007 by the following votes:

AYES: Asmundson, Heystek, Saylor, Souza, Greenwald

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Sue Greenwald
Mayor

ATTEST:

Margaret Roberts, CMC
City Clerk