



**County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors
Agenda Item Submittal**

From: DPW: Department Administration
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Meeting Date: February 27, 2018

Recommended Action

1. Declare one 2002 Mercury Marquis (VIN 2MEFM75W72X640388) with approximately 57,200 miles and a 1995 Jeep Cherokee (VIN 1J4J28S7SL659777) with approximately 120,500 miles as surplus property and direct Public Works to arrange for their disposition; and
2. Authorize the purchase of two 2018 Ford Escape 4-Wheel Drive.

Executive Summary

The Department of Public Works requests that the Board declare two vehicles as surplus property and approve the purchase of two 2018 Ford Escape 4-Wheel Drive as replacements.

Background

Public Works currently maintains a 2002 Mercury Marquis for department staff to utilize for off-site meetings, to visit project sites and to attend training classes. The vehicle is also used to transport State and Federal officials to assess damage from last year's winter storms.

The department also maintains a 1995 Jeep Cherokee for department staff to utilize for inspections of roads, drainage, bridges and construction.

Analysis

The Mercury is over 16 years old, and the Jeep Cherokee is over 23 years old. Both vehicles are in poor condition and have exceeded recommended age and/or mileage pursuant to General Services vehicle guidelines. The large size and low profile of the Marquis sedan body type does not lend itself for travel to storm damaged locations or more remote areas of the County. The Cherokee has, at this point, become unsafe to drive.

The Public Works Safety Officer, who is also the Interim Fleet Manager, has determined appropriate replacement vehicles would be a Ford Escape. The vehicle is appropriate for Public Works regular use, with better gas mileage than the current cars, and is more practical and safe to take to locations that have experienced major road damage due to it's 4-Wheel Drive capabilities.

Financial Impact

Total funds for purchase of both vehicles is \$50,690 and is available in the Public Works Internal Service Fund (601000/86209).

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