

## INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 9, 2010  
TO: City employees  
FROM: Rod Gould, City Manager  
RE: Bottled Water Purchases

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In an effort to reduce the amount of bottled water the City purchases, the Office of Sustainability and the Environment (OSE), in conjunction with the Purchasing Section, bid and selected DS Water of America as our vendor for bottle-less water coolers.

City facilities with access to potable water are required to switch from existing 5-gallon bottled drinking water dispensers to the DS Water plumbed drinking water systems and bottle-less coolers. The City of Santa Monica is transitioning away from bottled water for the following reasons:

1. The City is a water retailer. The Water Division works hard to ensure that Santa Monica's tap water meets rigorous health, safety and purity standards. This water is sold to thousands of consumers in Santa Monica. We are simply drinking the clean, safe and healthy water that we provide to our residents and businesses.
2. The City of Santa Monica committed to the U.S. Conference of Mayors resolution that phases out city spending on bottled water using tax payer money and the promotion of the importance of municipal drinking water.
3. The City Council adopted the Green Cities Sustainability Resolution in 2008 thus committing to the elimination of the purchase of bottled water for City operations.
4. Eliminating bottled water is saving the City money and reducing the environmental and human health impacts associated with bottled drinking water.

If your facility has not already made the transition, please contact Kellee MacDonald in the Purchasing Section at 458-8797 for details and vendor information.

Thank you for your cooperation.