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On November 12, 2003, this Board requested the District Attorney to work with the Sheriff, County Counsel, and the Departments of Health Services and Public Works to investigate the feasibility and legal ramifications of adopting an ordinance which authorizes forfeiture of vehicles when used in illegal dumping activities. The District Attorney's report to the Board is due on February 12, 2004.

The City of Los Angeles has such a law which allows forfeiture of vehicles when used for solicitation and prostitution. In addition to prostitution, a new law in the City of Lancaster allows forfeiture of vehicles when used in the commission of crimes involving drugs and illegal weapons.

Additionally, there are individuals stealing public water from fire hydrants, including hydrants owned and maintained by County Waterworks Districts. The theft of public water means that rate-payers are compelled to pay higher rates for their water. While the County is considering an ordinance relative to the forfeiture of vehicles, it would be logical to consider including the theft of public water as grounds for the seizure of vehicles.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors request the District Attorney to include forfeiture of vehicles when used in a commission of crimes involving solicitation, prostitution, drugs, illegal weapons, and stealing public water in their report which has now been extended to March 12, 2004.

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