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## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Robert Ellis, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Authorization of \$275,000 from Unencumbered Cash to Purchase Salt and Sand for Snow Removal Operations

DATE: July 9, 2009

The 2008-2009 winter season saw an unusually high number of snow events. Most notably were the three blizzards in the month of March. These three events coupled with several smaller events through the season resulted in higher than average application of chlorides for deicing operations. Because of this our stock piles for the 2009-2010 winter season are low and need to be replenished.

Another factor in this request is the need to purchase sanding material as Rapid City moves towards protecting Rapid Creek from high chloride saturation. Approval of this request will allow the Streets Division to stockpile the necessary materials to accomplish this.



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