

Metropolitan Museum Board

TO: METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD DATE: JULY 11. 2018

FROM: COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: DEACCESSION OF A LATE 19TH-CENTURY WATER WAGON, A1709-1.

ISSUE:

Approve the deaccession of a late nineteenth-century water wagon, A1709-1.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Metropolitan Museum Board approve the deaccession of a late nineteenth-century water wagon, A1709-1.

BACKGROUND:

On May 9, 2018, the Collections Committee unanimously voted to deaccession a late nineteenth-century water wagon, A1709-1.

DISCUSSION:

In July 2006, the Museum Department accepted the donation of a late nineteenth-century water wagon from Jesse Hernandez. Due to storage restrictions, the Museum never took physical possession of the piece, which was instead immediately loaned to the California Citrus State Historic Park (CCSHP). It has remained on display at the CCSHP ever since.

The wagon fits two of the criteria for deaccession within the Museum's Collections Management Policy:

- 1. The Museum is unable to properly preserve or store the object/specimen and to provide a proper or adequate environment for their collections.
- 2. The object/specimen has doubtful potential utilization in the foreseeable future in the Museum's exhibition and public programs.

The wagon has remained on loan to the CCSHP since its acquisition and they are willing to take possession of it. Therefore, the Curator of History recommends deaccessioning and transferring ownership of the wagon to the CCSHP.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with associated with this deaccession and transfer.

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Attachment: Image of the Water Wagon

