



**STAFF REPORT  
HOLLISTER CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING DATE: June 6, 2025  
REPORT # City Manager-2025-35**

**AGENDA ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BENITO AND THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA**

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** David Mirrione, City Manager

**STAFF CONTACT:** David Mirrione, City Manager

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt a resolution approving the amendments to the Fire Protection Service Agreements for the County of San Benito and the City of San Juan Bautista, and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Amendments and to make non-substantive revisions, as necessary, to the Amendments without further City Council approval.

**DISCUSSION:** Since 2013, the City of Hollister has provided fire protection services via a contract to the County of San Benito and the City of San Juan Bautista. Since the inception of the first contracts, the contracts were renegotiated in 2016 and 2019. At the request of the City Council, staff provided a presentation regarding the fire services contracts on May 6, 2024. On June 4, 2024, the City Council expressed the intent to issue a notice of termination regarding the fire services contracts with the County of San Benito and the City of San Juan Bautista. To comply with Council's direction, staff drafted the necessary resolution and notices of termination and received approval from the City Council on June 18, 2024 to issue the notices. These notices were issued on June 20, 2024 and would adjust the termination date of the contracts from December 31, 2025 to March 17, 2025. These documents formally informed the respective agencies of the City's intention to terminate the fire services contracts; however, the notices also indicated that the City was willing to work with the agencies in lieu of termination. City staff then worked with the staff from both agencies to renegotiate the terms of the contracts.

On January 7, 2025, the City Council created an ad-hoc committee to negotiate the fire protection contracts and appointed Mayor Stephens and Councilmember Resendiz to serve on the committee. On January 21, 2025, the City Council directed the City Manager to rescind both 270-day termination notices. By rescinding the notices, the contracts were then set to expire on their original expiration date of December 31, 2025. However, the current contracts have provisions to automatically extend an additional calendar year if the contracts are not terminated according to the contract terms. As such, on March 24, 2025, the City Council subsequently agreed to issue a new 270-day notice to prevent the contracts from being automatically extended. The new 270-notices were then issued to the County of San Benito and the City of San Juan Bautista on March 25, 2025 resulting in the termination of both agreements with services concluding on December 20, 2025.

Staff have continued evaluating the proposals and will present a recommendation to approve amendments to the existing agreements with the County of San Benito and the

City of San Juan Bautista. If approved, staff will immediately send the amendments to both jurisdictions for their consideration and approval. Following such approval by both agencies, both Amendments will become effective consistent with the Amendment terms.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL OR COMMISSION ACTION:** May 5, 2025: The City Council rejected the counterproposals from the County of San Benito and the City of San Juan Bautista.

**CEQA:** Not a project under CEQA.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2019 County of San Benito Fire Protection Services contract
2. 2019 City of San Juan Bautista Fire Protection Services contract
3. Amendment #1: 2019 County of San Benito Fire Protection Services contract
4. Amendment #1: 2019 City of San Juan Bautista Fire Protection Services contract
5. Resolution