



**STAFF REPORT
HOLLISTER FIRE PROTECTION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: August
7, 2025
REPORT # Fire-2025-15**

AGENDA ITEM: FEASIBILITY STUDY DISCUSSION

STAFF CONTACT: Jonathan Goulding, Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review, discuss, and make recommendations regarding the Feasibility Study.

DISCUSSION: On January 29, 2025, the Fire Protection Advisory Committee (FPAC) recommended the awarding of a contract to Baker Tilly to conduct a feasibility study on the formation of a regional fire district with the City of San Juan Bautista administering the contract. On March 27, 2025, the Committee voted to suspend work on the feasibility study pending further direction from their respective governing boards and city councils. The decision to suspend the study was based on the lack of agreement among the three jurisdictions regarding fire service contracts. Since that time, both San Benito County and the City of San Juan Bautista have executed contracts with the City of Hollister for fire protection services. These contracts are effective through June 30, 2029. The purpose of this agenda item is for the Committee to discuss recent developments and consider whether to recommend to staff to resume, revise, or formally terminate the feasibility study.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total cost of the study is \$99,000, with a split of 45% by each, the City of Hollister and San Benito County, and the remaining 10% would be paid by the City of San Juan Bautista.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION: On March 27, 2025, the Committee voted to suspend work on the feasibility study pending further direction from their respective governing boards and city councils.

CEQA: N/A