



**STAFF REPORT  
HOLLISTER CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING DATE: September 2, 2025  
REPORT # Public Works-2025-47**

**AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE CITY OWNED CLASS I LANDFILL POST CLOSURE PERMIT**

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** William Via, Public Works Director

**STAFF CONTACT:** Michael Grzan, Environmental Programs Manager

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement and any associated documents.

**DISCUSSION:** Since 1977, the City of Hollister ("City") has owned a Class I (Hazardous Waste) Landfill facility, located within the larger John Smith Landfill site. Although it was closed in 1992, the City is obligated by the state of California to monitor for potential releases of harmful chemical compounds into the groundwater below. A Post Closure Permit is issued by the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) to the City so that it can ensure the Class I landfill is managed and maintained according to California and US EPA regulations.

In order for DTSC to reissue this Post Closure Permit, the City must submit an application for renewal. This must be done at a minimum of every (10) years pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25200. To fund the renewal application review, DTSC has issued an initial cost estimate of \$293,452. This cost will be reimbursed to DTSC from City and will be paid out quarterly. Any funds paid as part of the reimbursement agreement not used by DTSC will be returned to the City. There is also a potential to go over the estimated amount, depending on the complexity of the permit, the quality of the application, and whether the City provides accurate responses to requested corrections to the permit application documents.

Staff recommend City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the reimbursement agreement and all related documents for the renewal of the Class I Landfill Post Closure Permit.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Estimated decrease of \$293,452 in Fund 101 and not to exceed \$300,000. Appropriation of \$300,000 was approved in the FY2025-26 budget.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL OR COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**CEQA:** This activity is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Statute Section 21065 and Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as it is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. Agreement