



**STAFF REPORT
HOLLISTER CITY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: October 6, 2025
REPORT # Fire-2025-29**

AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF COOPERATIVE PURCHASING FOR A TRACTOR WITH MOWING EQUIPMENT

DEPARTMENT: Fire

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jonathan Goulding, Fire Chief

STAFF CONTACT: Charlie Bedolla, Deputy Fire Marshal

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution approving the use of cooperative purchasing for a Tiger Bengal Series Mid-Mount Boom Mower with 50” Rotary Swivel Head on a new John Deere 6M105 Tractor, to be purchased on behalf of San Benito County per the terms of the grant.

DISCUSSION: The City of Hollister was awarded a grant in the amount up to \$675,971.00 for Fuel Mitigation in San Benito County along San Juan Canyon and Cienega Roads. The grant consisted of three phases as follows:

- Phase 1: Year 1 - Fuel Mitigation at San Juan Canyon Road (14mi) and Cienega (10 mi). Clearance of Roadside, cut materials, and harden and create defensible space hear and around homes to reduce and mitigate hazards and wildfire – **Completed**
- Phase 2: Year 2 - Fuel Mitigation at San Juan Canyon Road (14mi) and Cienega (10 mi). Clearance of Roadside, cut materials, and harden and create defensible space hear and around homes to reduce and mitigate hazards and wildfire – **Completed**
- Phase 3: Year 3 - Purchase Equipment to continue mitigation work in partnership with San Benito County Personnel

As the City enters Phase 3, staff has identified the Tiger Bengal Series Mid-Mount Boom Mower with a 50” Rotary Swivel Head on a John Deere 6M105 Tractor as the appropriate equipment to support San Benito County’s ongoing fuel mitigation responsibilities under this grant.

Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing agency, allows government entities to procure equipment at competitive prices. As a member of Sourcewell, the City of Hollister is able to simplify and expedite this procurement process on behalf of San Benito County.

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost of the equipment is \$238,807.00. Per the terms of the grant, this expense will be reimbursed. The expenditure is included in the FY 2025–26 budget.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL OR COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

CEQA: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Fuels Reduction Grant
3. Sourcewell Contract