

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOLLISTER APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH BAY CONSERVATION RESOURCES, LLC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 0.6-ACRE CREDIT OF CALIFORNIA TIGER SALAMANDER UPLAND HABITAT AT THE SPARLING RANCH CONSERVATION BANK AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FOR THE HOLLISTER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RUNWAY 6 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Hollister must maintain safe and efficient operation of the Hollister Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, in July 2023, the Airport/City received a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant, no. 3-06-0105-027-2023, for the Runway 6 Safety Improvements Project. Runway 6 is the crosswind/east to west aligned runway; and

WHEREAS, the project removed the unsafe Runway 6 and Taxiway C pavement, constructed and striped a new section of pavement connecting Taxiway C to the Runway 6 threshold, constructed drainage improvements, included electrical improvements, and installed new LED Runway Edge Lights and installed several Taxiway C LED Edge Lights in the area of new construction; and

WHEREAS, in September 2025, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) completed an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) No. 2081-2023-045-04 for the Runway 6 Safety Project and determined that permanent protection and perpetual management of compensatory habitat is necessary and required pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) to fully mitigate project-related impacts. CDFW has required the purchase of 0.6-acre credit of California Tiger Salamander (CTS) upland to compensate for the permanent impacts to 0.23 acre of CTS habitat and for their approval of the project; and

WHEREAS, Sparling Ranch Conservation Bank (Bank) is an approved habitat bank with CDFW, and South Bay Conservation Resources, LLC. is the Bank Sponsor; and

WHEREAS, as stated in the attached purchase agreement, the Project Applicant (City) shall have no obligation whatsoever by reason of the purchase of the Conservation Credits, to support, pay for, monitor, report on, sustain, continue in perpetuity, or otherwise be obligated or liable for the success or continued expense or maintenance in perpetuity of the credits sold, or the Bank. Pursuant to the Agreement and any amendments thereto, Bank Sponsor shall monitor and make reports to the CDFW on the status of any Conservation Credits sold to Project Applicant. Bank Sponsor shall be fully and completely responsible for satisfying any and all conditions placed on the Bank or the Conservation Credits by the CDFW, and other state or federal jurisdictional agencies. The cost of the 0.6 acre-credit of CTS upland habitat is \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the Runways 6 Safety Improvements Project total estimated cost is \$3,776,000. Funding for this project is 90% FAA Grant, 5% State/Caltrans Match Grant (5% of FAA/Federal Amount), and the remaining amount, approximately 5% Airport/City; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Adjustment Request Form identifies the necessary FY 2025/2026 appropriations in the Federal Aviation Administration Grant Fund 212 to establish the budget for completion of the project fiscal activity (revenues and expenditures), including the \$50,000 habitat credit purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Hollister does hereby:

1. Approve an agreement with South Bay Conservation Resources, LLC., for the purchase of a 0.6-acre credit of California Tiger Salamander upland habitat at the Sparling Ranch Conservation Bank as required by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Hollister Municipal Airport Runway 6 Safety Improvements Project; and
2. Approve FY 2025/2026 appropriations for completion of the fiscal activity for the Runway 6 Safety Improvements Project; and
3. Authorize the Finance Department to make necessary accounting and budgetary entries; and
4. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Hollister at a regular meeting held on November 3, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAINED:
ABSENT:

Roxanne Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC, City Clerk

Mary F. Lerner, City Attorney

I, Jennifer Woodworth, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Hollister, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution No. 2025-XX is an original resolution, or true and correct copy of a City resolution, duly adopted by the Council of the City of Hollister at a regular meeting held on November 3, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Hollister on November 3, 2025.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
City Clerk of the City of Hollister