



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/05/2026

ITEM NO: 5

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DATE: May 5, 2026  
TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager  
SUBJECT: **Authorize the Town Manager to Execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement with the County of Santa Clara for the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program to Reflect the Updated FY 2026-27 Augmentation Rate of \$155,127**

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Town Manager to execute the second amendment to the agreement with the County of Santa Clara for the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program to reflect the updated Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 augmentation rate of \$155,127.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Proposed FY 2026-27 Operating Budget Environmental Services Program includes sufficient revenue budget of \$155,127 (1115302-42522) and associated expenditures of the same amount (1115302-63121).

The subject fees are a pass through from the Town's waste hauler to the County and are updated annually based on program costs, disposal rates, and participation levels. The County has determined that the Town's FY 2026-27 augmentation rate will increase to \$155,127 to reflect updated cost assumptions and anticipated program demand. The Agreement (Attachment 2) requires participating jurisdictions to fund a minimum service level of four percent of households annually, with additional costs based on actual usage. The proposed amendment incorporates the updated augmentation amount to ensure continued program availability and compliance with State solid waste regulations. As the Town acts solely as a pass-through entity, this adjustment does not increase net General Fund cost but ensures uninterrupted access to Household Hazardous Waste services for residents.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

This item aligns with the Strategic Priority related to promoting sustainable practices and the Core Goals of Good Governance and Community Character.

BACKGROUND:

On May 7, 2024, the Town Council approved an agreement (Attachment 2) with the County of Santa Clara to manage the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program for the Town for FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27.

Responsible management of solid waste, including Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) is a requirement under Assembly Bill (AB) 939 and the California Integrated Waste Management Act. The County HHW collection program funds safe and appropriate disposal or re-purposing of household products that require special handling. Additionally, the Countywide HHW Agreement is designed to reduce and eventually eliminate the residential hazardous waste that is still sent to landfills countywide and to capture some of the hazardous waste that might otherwise be illegally dumped.

The County runs the program, and the Town participates through the Agreement for Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program (Attachment 2). The County HHW Program includes two permanent drop-off facilities for HHW, as well as temporary events at various locations in the County periodically throughout the year. Los Gatos residents use this drop-off service for the responsible disposal of unwanted HHW materials.

The Town's solid waste hauler collects fees through customer monthly billing, then pays the fees to the Town of Los Gatos as a member of the joint powers authority through which the hauler is contracted. The Town then participates as a pass-through agent and pays the fees in full to the County. The agreement discussed in this staff report is the agreement between the County and the Town to facilitate the last step of the pass-through agent's responsibility to pay the fees collected to the County.

DISCUSSION:

Associated fees collected by the solid waste hauler are updated annually through collaboration with the hauler, JPA member agencies, and the County. As a result, the updated rates are passed on to residents, and the annual pass-through funding amount, known as the augmentation rate, owed by each city/town is also revised. The Town's updated augmentation for FY 2026-27 is \$155,127, and this increase is reflected in the proposed amendment to the County HHW program agreement.

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CONCLUSION:

If authorized, these actions will update the agreements and resources needed for Los Gatos residents to participate in the County's HHW program. This program is critical to the Town's compliance with the State of California's Solid Waste laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

Attachments:

1. Second Amendment to the Agreement for Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program
2. First Amendment and Original Agreement for Countywide Hazardous Household Waste Collection Program