

MEMO



Meeting Date: June 20, 2025

To: Board of Directors
From: Director of Communications, Zoë Shoats
Approved by: General Manager, Felipe Melchor

Subject: Approve Amendment No. 3 to the MOU with County of Monterey for the Litter Abatement Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Monterey for the Litter Abatement Program to extend the term for one additional year through June 30, 2026, for a revised term from October 8, 2020 to June 30, 2026, with no change in the annual fiscal year funding amount of \$25,000.

BACKGROUND

The County of Monterey Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP) operates a Litter Abatement Program (Program) which provides for the collection and disposal of litter, debris and hazardous materials dumped illegally along County roads and public rights-of-way and on public lands. The Program removes 150-200 tons of household and industrial materials from County roadways annually.

Since October 2020, ReGen Monterey (ReGen) and Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA) provide funds under established Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the County of Monterey for supplemental collection and mitigation efforts by the County using contracted services. The MOUs established in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 provide \$25,000 from ReGen and \$100,000 from SVSWA per FY to support these litter abatement efforts.

ReGen and SVSWA are committed to promoting sustainable, environmentally sound, cost-effective practices through systems of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, innovative technology, and education.

DISCUSSION

ReGen Monterey is proposing to extend the existing MOU one (1) year at the existing annual funding rate per fiscal year and continue support of the litter abatement programs in the County.

In addition to County Public Works efforts to clean up public roads, Communities for Sustainable Marina volunteers meet monthly to combat litter and illegal dumping blight. ReGen's operations team removes that collected material, disposing of it free of charge. ReGen Operations staff also monitors and collects illegally dumped material six (6) days per week along the Lapis and Del Monte Rd corridors. Their combined work to keep the entrance to ReGen and surrounding County roads free of abandoned waste is essential to preventing more illegal dumping from occurring.

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FISCAL IMPACT

ReGen and SVSWA would collectively provide \$125,000 for the Program. Under the terms of each MOU, ReGen and SVSWA will reimburse the County up to 50%, but no more than \$25,000 (ReGen) and \$100,000 (SVSWA) per FY, respectively, for third-party labor costs associated with the Program. The County will incur costs and submit invoices to ReGen and SVSWA for reimbursement per the terms of each respective MOU. ReGen's contribution is included in the recently approved FY 25/26 annual budget.

CONCLUSION

Approval of this MOU supports litter abatement activities within unincorporated Monterey County.

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