



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 6.8

DATE: March 23, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Carl Brown, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the approval of the Altamont Settlement Agreement Education Advisory Board's \$617,625 Expenditure Plan for FY 2026-27.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution approving the Altamont Settlement Agreement Education Advisory Board's \$617,625 Expenditure Plan for FY 2026-27.

DECISION TYPE

Administrative

SUMMARY

In 1999, the Settlement Agreement between and among the County of Alameda, the City of Livermore, the City of Pleasanton, Sierra Club, Northern California Recycling Association, Altamont Landowners Against Rural Mismanagement and Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. (Altamont Settlement Agreement) was ratified by the named parties.

The Altamont Settlement Agreement provides for the collection of a per-ton fee from the Altamont Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility (ALRRF) for impacts on the communities due to expansion of the landfill. The Altamont Settlement Agreement also created the Altamont Settlement Agreement Education Advisory Board (EAB) to oversee the funds generated by the surcharge. The EAB solicits competitive grants from applicants that plan to implement recycling and environmental awareness programs. The proposed FY 2026-27 Expenditure Plan in Exhibit A to the resolution outlines the EAB's recommended grant awards and expenditures. City Council approval of the Expenditure Plan totaling \$617,625 is required, per the terms of the Altamont Settlement Agreement.

DISCUSSION

In 1999, the County of Alameda, the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Sierra Club, the Northern

California Recycling Association, and Altamont Landowners Against Rural Mismanagement entered into an agreement with Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. This agreement, known as the Altamont Settlement Agreement, created the Altamont Settlement Agreement Education Advisory Board (EAB). The EAB convenes monthly and has five voting members. Two members are appointed by the Northern California Recycling Association, one member is the Environmental Educator appointee on the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board, and the Livermore City Council and the Pleasanton City Council each appoint one member. The Livermore City Council appointed Fenna Gatty, a science teacher at Altamont Creek Elementary School, as the Livermore representative on the EAB. The Pleasanton City Council seat on the board is currently vacant.

The Altamont Settlement Agreement stipulates that a surcharge be collected to create an Education Account to support recycling education programs and job training in the field of waste prevention and recycling and to mitigate the impacts of the landfill operations on the affected community. The \$0.47 per ton surcharge of incoming waste at both Waste Management's Altamont landfill and the \$0.46 per ton surcharge at Republic's Vasco Road landfill generate approximately \$600,000 per year and the fund has a fund balance of approximately \$1 million as of December 31, 2025. Funds are collected from the landfills by the Alameda County Treasurer. The Alameda County Treasurer then transfers the annual allocation to the City of Livermore. The City of Livermore provides financial management to the EAB. The EAB works with an independent contractor to provide administrative support and process dispersal of funds to grant recipients.

The EAB creates an Annual Report to detail the prior year grant funded programs and compiles an annual Expenditure Plan by April 1st of each year. Per the terms of the Altamont Settlement Agreement, the Expenditure Plan must be approved by each voting member agency's governing body. Therefore, the Livermore City Council must approve the Expenditure Plan prior to disbursement of the FY 2026-27 grant funds. Approval will also be sought from the Pleasanton City Council, The Northern California Recycling Association Board of Directors, and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

On December 16, 2025, the EAB unanimously approved the proposed FY 2026-27 Expenditure Plan found in Attachment 1. The proposed Expenditure Plan outlines the funding needs and objectives, the EAB initiated projects, and administration costs paid to the City of Livermore. The proposed Expenditure Plan also notes that unexpended funds from previous grant years will be carried over and, if necessary, applied to the FY 2026-27 grant year. The current unexpended funds balance is approximately \$25,000.

For FY 2026-27, the EAB is proposing the following schedule for disbursement of funds, totaling \$617,625.

- \$5,000 for EAB communications, website
- \$150,000 in mini grants
- \$300,000 in project grants
- \$50,000 in EAB Board initiated projects
- \$70,000 in multi-year grants
- \$0 for landfill mitigation projects
- \$30,000 for Staff Support
- \$12,625 for financial management and administrative support

Staff is recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the \$617,625 Expenditure Plan

for FY2026-27, as required per the Altamont Settlement Agreement.

The 2025 Annual Report that outlines the previous year's grant awards can be found in Attachment 1.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

There will be no impact on the General Fund. The EAB will provide the City with \$12,625 for costs associated with the financial management and administrative support of the EAB.

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3. Environmental Stewardship

GOAL

2. Manage the City's solid waste contract and develop and implement the City's recycling program ensuring compliance with state and local regulation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [2025 Annual Report](#)
2. [Resolution](#)
3. [Exhibit A - FY 2026-27 Expenditure Plan](#)

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