

# ***APPENDIX L***

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*AMBAG Consistency Determination*



October 19, 2006

Mary Paxton  
City of Hollister Development Services  
375 Fifth Street  
Hollister, CA 95023

Dear Ms. Paxton:

This letter is in response to your October 3, 2006 request for an amendment to AMBAG's 2004 Population, Housing Unit and Employment Forecasts (2004 Forecasts) to incorporate the growth anticipated in the City of Hollister General Plan that was adopted last December. Instigating this request for an amendment to the 2004 Forecasts is Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District's (MBUAPCD) requirement for a determination that the capacity of the new wastewater treatment facility being developed is consistent with AMBAG's 2004 Forecasts which are incorporated into MBUAPCD's Air Quality Management Plan.

You stated the need for an amendment to the 2004 Forecasts is based on Impact 4.1-1 of the City of Hollister General Plan Final Program EIR that determined "development anticipated due to the Draft General Plan would conflict in a minor way with AMBAG Forecasts for housing and population through the year 2023." As a result of Impact 4.1-1, a mitigation measure to request an amendment to AMBAG's 2004 Forecasts was included in the Final Program EIR.

The conflict between the City of Hollister's General Plan and AMBAG's 2004 Forecasts is the number of housing units anticipated in the General Plan by the year 2023 is 193 more than the number of housing units forecasted in the year 2025 in AMBAG's 2004 Forecasts. AMBAG's forecast of housing units was derived from the population forecasts. AMBAG uses the forecasts of population as the decisive number when determining a project's consistency with the AQMP.

Table 4.1.A "Growth Projections for the City of Hollister 2000-2023" from the Final Program EIR shows the population provided for in the City of Hollister General Plan in year 2023 will be 55,192. Consistency with AMBAG's 2004 Forecasts is determined by comparing the growth facilitated by the project with the applicable 5-year increment

forecasted in AMBAG's 2004 Forecasts. The City of Hollister's forecasted population in year 2025 from AMBAG's 2004 Forecasts is 55,350.

Since the population growth enabled by 2023 in the City of Hollister General Plan is less than the population growth forecasted for 2025 in AMBAG's 2004 Forecasts, the City of Hollister's General Plan is **consistent** with the MBUAPCD's Air Quality Management Plan. The minor conflict between the numbers of housing units forecast for the City can be addressed in the next update to AMBAG's Forecasts.

A determination of consistency of the Hollister Domestic Wastewater System Improvements with MBUAPCD's Air Quality Management Plan was produced in September of 2004. A copy of the letter determining the project **consistent** with AMBAG's 2004 Forecasts is attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Muck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Todd Muck, AICP  
Senior Planner

Attachment

cc: Jean Getchell, MBUAPCD



September 8, 2004

Susan Engelke  
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Dear Ms. Engelke:

This letter is in response to your request for a determination of consistency of the Hollister Domestic Wastewater System Improvements (DWSI) project with the *Air Quality Management Plan for the Monterey Bay Region* (AQMP.)

Consistency of this project with the AQMP was analyzed by comparing the potential population growth facilitated by the project with the forecasted growth for San Benito County. The *2004 Population, Housing Unit, and Employment Forecasts* adopted by the AMBAG Board of Directors on April 14, 2004 are the forecasts used for this consistency determination.

The City of Hollister's current domestic wastewater treatment plant has a current flow of approximately 2.75 million gallons per day (mgd.) The proposed plant improvements would increase capacity to 5 mgd. The document you provided titled "Existing and Projected Wastewater Flows" states the increased plant capacity of 5 mgd is designed to meet the projected wastewater flow of 4.76 mgd that is based on growth projections in the draft City of Hollister General Plan dated April 2004. AMBAG's 2004 Forecasts are used in the draft City of Hollister General Plan.

Because the designed capacity of the Hollister Domestic Wastewater System Improvements (DWSI) project is directly linked to AMBAG's *2004 Population, Housing Unit, and Employment Forecast*, the project is **consistent** with the AQMP.

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Individual development projects enabled by the increased capacity planned for in Hollister Domestic Wastewater System Improvements (DWSI) project will require AQMP consistency determinations as part of their project level environmental review.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this determination.

Sincerely,



Todd Muck, AICP  
Senior Transportation Planner

cc: Janet Brennan, MBUAPCD

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