

Mammoth Lakes Town Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Approve the Solid Waste Parcel Fee Agreement with Mono County for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to allow the levy and collection by Mono County of Solid Waste Parcel Fees in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Council Meeting Date: 7/2/2025

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Recommended Motion: Approve the Solid Waste Parcel Fee Agreement with Mono County for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to allow the levy and collection by Mono County of Solid Waste Parcel Fees in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Summary: The collection of Mono County Solid Waste Parcel Fees in the Town of Mammoth Lakes has been approved by the Town since 1987. The fees are restricted in use to solid waste services and programs and are levied County-wide. For FY16-17 through FY20-21, a portion of the Fee was remitted back to the Town to support solid waste programs within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, most notably enhanced recycling efforts and meeting State diversion mandates. The sharing of the Fee was part of the flow agreement, which committed the Town to a minimum amount of solid waste to flow to the Benton Crossing Landfill. The flow agreement expired December 31, 2021 and Benton Crossing Landfill closed on December 31, 2022.

The Town portion of the Parcel Fee generates approximately \$425,000 in revenue each year. A portion of the Fees collected within Town will help to support the ongoing post-closure costs estimated at \$125,000 to \$150,000 per year for at least 30 years. Since the closure of Benton Crossing Landfill, Mono County has continued certain programs at the Pumice Valley Landfill previously provided at Benton Crossing (construction and demolition disposal and some recycling services). Over the past several years, the Town has reviewed its level of use for the Pumice Valley Landfill, the need to fund and implement increasing State mandates placed on the Town related to solid waste and recycling, and desire to continue and expand solid waste and recycling services to our residents to determine appropriate sharing of the Parcel Fee moving forward. The Town is utilizing Pumice Valley Landfill for some larger items and green waste and enjoys other limited benefits from the Landfill.

For FY21-22 and FY22-23, the County did not include any sharing of the Fee under the Parcel Fee collection agreement and the Fees were primarily directed to closure and post-closure costs for the Benton Crossing Landfill. For FY23-24, 40% of the Fee was remitted back to the Town from Mono County and in FY24-25, 50% of the fee will be remitted back to the Town. The proposed agreement for FY 25-26 will also include 50% of the Fee being remitted to the Town.

Allowing Mono County to collect the Fees from within the Town will allow the County to support post-closure costs for Benton Crossing Landfill and provide some support for Pumice Valley Landfill operations while having 50% of the fee remitted back to the Town will ensure funding is available to support our own solid waste programs and meet State mandates.