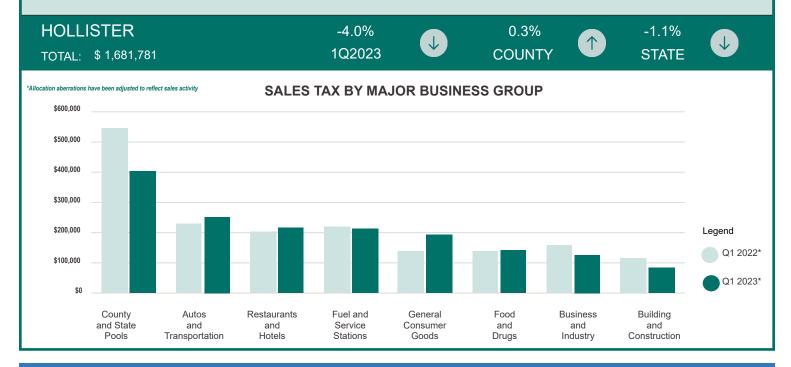
# CITY OF HOLLISTER

## SALES TAX UPDATE

**1Q 2023 (JANUARY - MARCH)** 





Measure W TOTAL: \$2,063,589



### CITY OF HOLLISTER HIGHLIGHTS

Hollister's receipts from January through March were 8.7% below the first sales period in 2022. Excluding reporting adjustments, receipts for the period were down 4.0%.

While businesses in the city reported a 6% gain in sales, partly because of outlets open less than a year, the city's pool allocation returning to its normal value cut receipts.

This time last year, the state deducted a large amount that had previously been sent to the county treasury in error. When that amount was first received, it understated the city's share of the pool and overstated the county's share, causing the city's allocation to decline. With the deduction last year, the situation was reversed and the city's allocation grew significantly to recover what had been lost. Now, the

city's share of the pool is being calculated correctly. This transaction did not affect Measure W.

The declines reported by the construction and business/industry groups relate to the change in economic climate, falling lumber prices and the wet weather which delayed some outdoor project work.

Measure W's results also reflect pricing and weather impacts on construction. The number of new and used cars purchased fell this quarter after being up 4% and 9% respectively, this time last year.

Net of adjustments, taxable sales for all of San Benito County grew 0.3% over the comparable time period while those of the Central Coast region were down 3.6%



#### **TOP 25 PRODUCERS**

Ace Hardware & Lumber

AZ Electronics Materials Brigantino Irrigation

Chevron

Crop Production

Services

Gateway Arco AM PM

Genesis Marketplace

Greenwood Chevrolet

Greenwood Ford

Hollister Chevron

Lucky 719

McDonald's

McKinnon Lumber

Nob Hill Foods

Quik Stop

Ranch Gas & Food

Ross

Safeway

Safeway Fuel Station

Star Concrete

Target

Teknova

TJ Maxx

IIta Dagu

Ulta Beauty

West Marine Products

HdL® Companies



#### **STATEWIDE RESULTS**

California's local one cent sales and use tax receipts for sales during the months of January through March were 1.1% lower than the same quarter one year ago after adjusting for accounting anomalies. The first quarter of the calendar year experienced heavy rainfall and a slight pullback by consumers during this postholiday period.

The building and construction sector was most impacted by wet weather conditions, especially contractors and paint/glass vendors. Furthermore, when coupled with year-over-year (YOY) lumber price declines, the sector saw a 9.7% statewide drop.

YOY declines in fuel prices at the pump reduced receipts from gas stations and petroleum providers. Even with OPEC's recent production cuts, the global cost of crude oil has remained steady setting up for moderate gas prices for travelers and commuters in the coming summer months. Retailers also selling fuel experienced a similar impact and when combined with weak results from department stores, overall general consumer goods' returns slightly declined.

After multiple years of high demand for vehicles (especially high-end luxury and electronic/hybrid brands), along with inflation driving car prices higher, customers demand has softened with revenue slumping 1.3%. The return of available inventory later this calendar year may sustain downward pressure on activity, potentially giving buyers more leverage to negotiate lower prices.

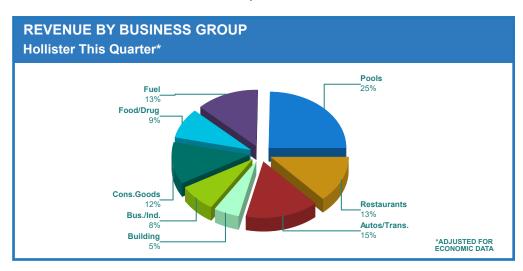
Use taxes remitted via the countywide pools decreased 1.1%, marking the second consecutive quarter of decline. Cooling consumer confidence, expansion

of more in-state fulfillment centers and retailers using existing locations to deliver goods tied to online orders continue to shift taxes away from the pools. While the offsetting effect was these revenues being allocated directly to jurisdictions where the goods were sourced, only a limited number of agencies benefited.

Spending at local restaurants and hotels continues to be robust. Patrons were unaffected by increased menu prices and wait times and maintained their willingness to dine out. In addition, investments in warehouse/farm/construction equipment was steady.

For the remainder of 2023 sales taxes may

decrease modestly, then begin a nominal recovery in early 2024. Volatile economic indicators such as the Federal Funds rate, unemployment levels, and discretionary spending will influence outcomes. While it appears the Federal Reserve's actions to fight inflation is taking effect, any lasting downward pressure on consumer pricing could also hinder short term growth.



#### TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES **HdL State** Hollister County Q1 '23\* **Business Type** Change Change Change Service Stations 213.8 -3.1% -3.3% -9.8% 🔱 Quick-Service Restaurants 102.9 2.0% 5.1% 2.4% Casual Dining 89.7 9.7% ( 5.1% 9.6% **Grocery Stores** 74.5 9.6% 8.6% 5.4% Drugs/Chemicals -9.9% 53.2 -10.1% -3.1% **Automotive Supply Stores** 52.2 7.2% 7.5% 5.4% **Building Materials** 48.9 -28.6% -28.6% -9.8% Garden/Agricultural Supplies 38.5 -30.6% -32.2% -18.9% 31.2 -28.4% -16.4% Contractors -12.7% 🕕 23.1 16.3% 13.6% 🚹 Fast-Casual Restaurants 6.4% \*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity \*In thousands of dollars