



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: County Counsel
Department No.: 013
Agenda Date: July 15, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Rachel Van Mullem, County Counsel
Contact: Susan McKenzie, Deputy County Counsel Sr. (805) 568-2950
SUBJECT: BEACON Legal Services Revenue Agreement for FY 2025-2026

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a revenue Agreement to provide legal services between the County of Santa Barbara and the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) with a period of performance from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for a projected revenue up to \$15,000; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are not a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) because the actions consist of government administrative and fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment

Summary Text:

The Agreement for FY 2025-2026 will allow County Counsel's Office to continue providing BEACON legal services during the next fiscal year. (Attachment 1.)

BEACON is a public agency established under the California Joint Exercise of Powers Act and is governed by the terms of a Joint Powers Agreement and associated bylaws. (Gov. Code §§ 6500 et seq.) BEACON's purpose is to "foster greater cooperation toward the maintenance and enhancement of the beaches within the jurisdiction of BEACON Member Agencies." (Bylaws, Art. 1, § 2.) Santa Barbara County is a member agency of BEACON and provides legal services to BEACON through the

Office of County Counsel. This Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and BEACON will allow the Office of County Counsel to continue providing legal services to BEACON.

Fiscal Analysis:

The Agreement is included in the budget for FY 2025-2026 and does not have any new fiscal impacts. The Office of County Counsel has been providing legal services to BEACON since its formation in 1986 and it is included within the existing budget as revenue.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the Office of County Counsel. Please email Erios@co.santa-barbara.ca.us when available for pick up.

Attachments:

Attachment A – BEACON Legal Services Agreement FY 2025-2026

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