



**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

**Department Name:**

County Counsel

**Department Number:**

013

**Agenda Date:**

June 23, 2026

**Placement:**

Administrative Agenda

**Estimated Time:**

N/A

**Continued Item:**

No

**If Yes, date from:**

N/A

**Vote Required:**

Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s): Rachel Van Mullem *RVM*

**CONTACT:** Anne Rierson

**SUBJECT:** Outside Counsel Contract – Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation

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**Concurrences:**

**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

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**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation, in the amount not-to-exceed \$47,500; and

- b) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

This outside counsel contract is for the firm of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation (Stradling) to serve as disclosure counsel in connection with the proposed issuance of Certificates of Participation (COPs) to finance the upcoming Northern Branch Jail project. Stradling has served as disclosure counsel for several County financings, including for the issuance of the 2024 COPs.

Stradling will be paid a total contract amount, including cost reimbursements, not to exceed \$47,500. This not-to-exceed amount consists of a fixed fee for disclosure counsel services of \$45,000 and reimbursement of actual costs, capped at \$2,500, exclusive of publication costs, the cost of data ordered from third parties (such as California Municipal Statistics tables), title and escrow fees, and other costs typically paid as a separate cost of issuance. Payment of fees and costs is contingent on the issuance and closing of the COPs.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Costs will be paid from the proceeds of the financing and will be budgeted as part of the financing.

**Staffing Impacts:**

N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward the minute order and signed copy to Anne Rierson in County Counsel.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Agreement for Professional Legal Services (Signature Required)

**Contact Information:**

Anne Rierson  
Sr. Deputy County Counsel