



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Counsel
Department No.: 013
For Agenda Of: January 23, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Rachel Van Mullem, County Counsel *RVM*
Director
Contact Info: Amber Holderness, Chief Assistant County Counsel
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SUBJECT: **Second Amendment to Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Outside Counsel, Oppenheimer Investigations Group LLP**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

County Counsel recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Legal Services between the County of Santa Barbara and Oppenheimer Investigations Group LLP to extend the agreement through June 30, 2024 with no change to the maximum contract amount and update the Notices section of the Agreement; and
- b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) because it consists of government administrative or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text and Background

Under the direction of County Counsel, the County engaged outside counsel, Oppenheimer Investigations Group LLP, to conduct independent, impartial, and objective employee investigations as needed. This second amendment to the agreement will extend the term of the agreement through June 30, 2024 to allow the completion of current investigations. The second amendment also updates the Notices section of the agreement to reflect Oppenheimer's point of contact and recent change of address. This amendment does not add additional funds to the agreement.

Performance Measure:

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Key Contract Risks:

Staffing Impacts:

Special Instructions: Please forward a signed copy to Amber Holderness at aholderness@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: First Amended Agreement for Professional Legal Services

Attachment B: Agreement for Professional Legal Services

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