

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 2/15/05
Department Name: Public Defender
Department No.: 023
Agenda Date: 3/1/05
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 5 min
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: James Egar
Public Defender

STAFF CONTACT: Carol Wilson
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SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Attorney Agreement

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors: Execute an agreement with Sydney Bennett to provide services as a Deputy Public Defender from March 2, 2005 through March 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$77,688.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

This recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Administrative Office, at the behest of the Board of Supervisors, approved additional help for the Law Office of the Public Defender to temporarily resolve current staffing issues such as attorney medical leaves of absence. Authority to hire a contract attorney for a period of one year was granted.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The requested position will assure an adequate level of legal services for mandated representation.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This position will cost \$28,386 for the remainder of the current fiscal year. The 2005-2006 cost will be \$49,302. There are no facilities impacts.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please send a copy of the approved attorney contract to James S. Egar at the Public Defender's office.

Concurrence:

County Administrator
Auditor-Controller