

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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**Department Name:** County Counsel

Department No.: 013

For Agenda Of: November 4, 2014

**Placement:** Administrative

If Yes, date from:

**Vote Required:** 4/5

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director: Michael Ghizzoni, County Counsel (568-2950)

Contact Information: Martin G. McKenzie, Chief of Litigation (568-2950)

**SUBJECT:** Approve second amendment to agreement for legal services with Boornazian,

Jensen & Garthe, a Professional Corporation.

**County Counsel Concurrence** 

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** 

As to form: Yes As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

**Recommended Actions:** County Counsel recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Second Amendment to Agreement for Professional Legal Services between the County of Santa Barbara and Boornazian, Jensen & Garthe, a Professional Corporation, extending the term of the Agreement for one year and increasing the payment limit by \$50,000.

Summary Text: On October 16, 2012, the Board executed the attached Agreement for Professional Legal Services between the County and the law firm of Boornazian, Jensen & Garthe, a Professional Corporation. The primary purpose of the Agreement was to retain a law firm with expertise in insurance coverage issues, to advise Risk Management and represent the County in insurance coverage disputes and litigation. The term of the Agreement was one year, and the payment limit was \$25,000. On October 15, 2013, the Board executed the attached Amendment to Agreement for Professional Legal Services, which added one year to the term of the Agreement and \$25,000 to the payment limit. This Second Amendment will add a third year to the term and \$50,000 to the payment limit (for a 3-year total of \$100,000). Those changes are recommended because the need for the services continues, including the firm's advice to and potential representation of the County in a particularly complex case. The firm has agreed to continue working at the hourly rates specified in the original 2012 Agreement.

## **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted – Outside Counsel Designation

**Special Instructions:** Please forward a signed copy to County Counsel.

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**Attachments:** (1) Agreement for Professional Legal Services [10/16/12]

- (2) Amendment to Agreement for Professional Legal Services [10/15/13]
- (3) Second Amendment to Agreement for Professional Legal Services [11/04/14]

**<u>Authored by:</u>** Martin G. McKenzie, Chief of Litigation