



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 7, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors
Board of Directors, Fire Protection District

FROM: Department Rachel Van Mullem, County Counsel 568-2950
Director(s)
Contact Info: Brian Pettit, Senior Deputy County Counsel, 568-2950

SUBJECT: Outside Counsel Contract – Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, P.C.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute, on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, an Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, P.C., with a not-to-exceed amount of \$650,000 and a term ending June 30, 2025; 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 State CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text: This outside counsel contract is for the firm of Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, a Professional Corporation, to represent the County and Fire Protection District in litigation brought by American Medical Response West. This Agreement is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$650,000 with a term ending June 30, 2025. The attorney primarily responsible for performing the legal services is Jordan Kearney, who has substantial experience in the specialized area of emergency medical services law, including the Emergency Medical Services System and Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act.

Fiscal Analysis: The agreement is in an amount not-to-exceed \$650,000, and any increase in the maximum payment amount would require an amendment to the contract and Board approval. As

required under the County's Ambulance Ordinance, payments for services provided under this contract will be paid for by the Fire Protection District.

Budgeted: Yes

Key Contract Risks: None.

Special Instructions: Please forward the minute order and a signed copy of the Agreement to Brian Pettit in County Counsel's Office.

Attachments:

A) Agreement for Professional Legal Services

Authored by: Senior Deputy County Counsel, Brian Pettit