



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name:	County Counsel
Department No.:	013
Agenda Date:	December 9, 2025
Placement:	Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:	
Continued Item:	No
If Yes, date from:	
Vote Required:	4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Rachel Van Mullem, County Counsel
Contact: Adriana de Bruin
SUBJECT: Outside Counsel Contract First Amendment – Meyers Nave

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve and authorize the Chair to execute, on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara, a First Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Meyers Nave in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,225,000; and
- 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:

The County routinely requires legal advice and representation in defending against tort and real property claims and litigation. While the Office of County Counsel regularly provides those legal services, under some circumstances it is necessary or beneficial for the County to retain the services of a qualified private law firm to provide those services. The County is a defendant and cross-complainant in litigation that relates to the January 9, 2023 storm event in the Santa Barbara County Superior Court. County Counsel recommends retaining the law firm Meyers Nave for representation of this litigation because Meyers Nave has the expertise and capacity required to

handle this area of law and the multiple parties involved therein. This First Amendment will authorize Meyers Nave to continue to represent the County in this litigation within the contract's two-year term (ending October 1, 2026) and increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$2,225,000.

Fiscal Analysis:

Payments for services provided under this contract will be paid for by Risk Management.

Budgeted: Yes

Special Instructions:

Please forward the minute order and a signed copy of the First Amendment to Adriana de Bruin in the Office of County Counsel.

Attachments:

Attachment A – First Amendment

Attachment B – Agreement for Professional Legal Services

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