



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: July 13, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement for Outside Tax Counsel

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Ice Miller LLP, extending the term to July 12, 2023 and increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$50,000; and
- b. Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) because it is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This Amendment No. 1 extends the term of the County's agreement with Ice Miller LLP to July 12, 2023, increases the not-to-exceed amount from \$30,000 to \$50,000, and increases the hourly rates to the firm's 2021 rates with a 15% discount. Ice Miller provides federal tax law advice and legal services, including related to employee benefits, payroll, and County's Employees' Retirement Plan and 401(h) Retiree Health Plan. Ice Miller has served as the County's employee benefits outside tax counsel since 2006.

Key Contract Risks:

County Counsel views the contract risk as low because of the firm's specialized legal expertise and the County's experience with the firm.

Performance Measure:

Not applicable.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The amendment increases the contract not-to-exceed amount to \$50,000, to be paid out of County Counsel, Dept. 13, line item 7650, Special Department Expenditures.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please send a copy of the Minute Order and signed agreement to Anne Rierson in County Counsel.

Attachments:

- A. Amendment No. 1
- B. Agreement for Professional Legal Services

Authored by:

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