



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: October 12, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5^{ths}

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: County Counsel Rachel Van Mullem, County Counsel (805) 568-2950
Contact Info: Amber Holderness, Chief Assistant County Counsel (805) 568-2950
SUBJECT: Approve Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Outside Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP

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 the attached Agreement for Professional Legal Services between the County of Santa Barbara and Hanson Bridgett LLP for the term of September 20, 2021 to September 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000; and
- b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) because it consists of government administrative or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The Board of Supervisors, under the provisions of Sections 25203 and 31000 of the California Government Code, is empowered to contract for special legal services. County Counsel recommends the assistance of outside counsel Hanson Bridgett LLP to provide legal representation and advice on environmental law and compliance matters, including as to the Toro Canyon Oil Water Separator.

Performance Measure: N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Key Contract Risks:

The Office of County Counsel reviewed the Contract Risk Assessment Worksheet as part of our process. A Request for Proposals was not required for this selection.

Staffing Impacts: None

Special Instructions: Please forward a signed copy to Amber Holderness at aholderness@countyofsb.org.

Attachments: a) Agreement for Professional Legal Services

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