



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: County Counsel
Department No.: 013
For Agenda Of: January 8, 2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: County Counsel Dennis Marshall 568-2950
Contact Info: Anne Rierson 568-2950
SUBJECT: Outside Counsel Contract - Olson Hagel & Fishburn LLP

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Olson Hagel & Fishburn LLP from January 8, 2013 to January 7, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Summary Text: This outside counsel contract is for the firm of Olson Hagel & Fishburn LLP to assist the County with matter(s) before the State of California's Commission on State Mandates, including but not limited to advice and litigation. The County currently has a test claim before the Commission regarding County Formation Cost Recovery. While the contract amount is not-to-exceed \$25,000, County Counsel intends to only expend up to \$5,000 for advice on such test claim, unless use of such counsel for litigation is later approved by your Board. The attorney responsible for performing the specialized legal services is Deborah B. Caplan, who was highly recommended.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted – Outside Counsel Designation

Special Instructions:

Please forward a signed copy to County Counsel.

Attachments:

Agreement for Professional Legal Services

Authored by:

Anne Rierson, Deputy County Counsel