



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:** January 10, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** County Counsel Rachel Van Mullem, 568-2950  
Contact Info: Anne Rierson, 568-2950  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 2 to Outside Counsel Contract – Renne Public Law Group

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: Risk Management

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Renne Public Law Group, reviving the Agreement, extending the term to January 9, 2024 and increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$73,000; 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 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:**

From time to time, the County has a need to engage independent outside legal counsel to the County's Civil Service Commission. This Amendment No. 2 revives and extends the term of the County's agreement with Renne Public Law Group to January 9, 2024 and increases the not-to-exceed amount to \$73,000. The attorney responsible for performing the legal services is Art Hartinger, who has a practice focused on labor and employment law, including experience with representing civil service commissions.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Funding will come from the use of the Litigation fund balance component of the General Fund.

**Key Contract Risks:**

None

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a signed copy to Anne Rierson in County Counsel

**Attachments:**

- A) Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Professional Legal Services
- B) Agreement for Professional Legal Services
- C) Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Legal Services

**Authored by:**

Anne Rierson, Sr. Deputy County Counsel

**cc:**

Stephanie Langsdorf, Secretary, Civil Service Commission