



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

December 13, 2022

Present: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 22-01115

RE: Consider recommendations regarding a Federal Advocate Contract with Thomas Walters, Inc., as follows:

a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Thomas Walters and Associates, Inc. to provide Federal advocacy services for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025 for a term of three years at a cost of \$100,000.00 per year for a total contract amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, with the option to extend for a maximum of two more years; 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)(4) because it consists of the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino