



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 9, 2013  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** County Counsel Dennis Marshall 568-2950  
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**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Outside Counsel Contract - Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

Treasurer/Tax Collector Department

**Recommended Actions:**

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Steckbauer Weinhart Jaffe, LLP extending the term to July 8, 2014, increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$50,000.00, and updating the name of the contracting party to Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP.

**Summary Text:** This outside counsel contract is for the firm of Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP to assist the County and the Treasurer-Tax Collector with bankruptcy matters, including but not limited to advice and litigation in bankruptcy court related to the collection of property taxes. The firm recently changed its name from Steckbauer Weinhart Jaffe, LLP to Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP. The attorney responsible for performing the bankruptcy legal services is Barry Glaser, who also represents some other California counties.

County Counsel recommends increasing the not-to-exceed amount to allow for the filing of a motion for relief from the automatic stay in a significant bankruptcy matter, and to allow for work by this firm on future bankruptcy matters.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** Budgeted – Outside Counsel Designation

**Special Instructions:** Please forward a signed original to County Counsel.

**Attachments:** Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Legal Services, Contract Summary Sheet, Agreement

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