



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Counsel
Department No.:
For Agenda Of: July 7, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: County Counsel Michael C. Ghizzoni (805) 568-2950
Contact Info: Martin G. McKenzie, Chief of Litigation (805) 568-2950
SUBJECT: **Approve Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Outside Counsel (Patricia Daehnke, Attorney at Law) for Administrative Proceedings Before California State Licensing Boards**

County Council Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

County Counsel recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement for Professional Legal Services between the County of Santa Barbara and Patricia Daehnke, Attorney at Law, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000; and,
2. Find that the proposed contract and the above action are 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, and therefore do not constitute a "project" under CEQA Guideline 15378(b)(4).

Background:

From time to time, the County requires legal advice or representation in administrative proceedings before California state licensing boards, a specialized area of practice that is not within County Counsel's subject matter expertise. The need can arise on short notice, in which case having a contract in place with outside counsel can avoid delays and concomitant costs. Attorney Patricia Daehnke has extensive experience and expertise in this specialized area of practice, particularly in administrative proceedings before California licensing boards involving the licensure of health care professionals. The proposed contract will enable County Counsel to retain Ms. Daehnke to handle such matters as needed (with Board authorization each time, and within the contract's one-year term and \$20,000 limit).

Performance Measure: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Outside Counsel Designation

Fiscal Analysis: N/A

Key Contract Risks: N/A

Staffing Impacts: None

Special Instructions: Please forward a signed copy to County Counsel

Attachments: (1) Contract
 (2) Contract Summary Form

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