



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Department Name:

County Counsel

Department Number:

013

Agenda Date:

August 18, 2026

Placement:

Administrative Agenda

Estimated Time:

N/A

Continued Item:

No

If Yes, date from:

N/A

Vote Required:

4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s): Rachel Van Mullem

CONTACT: Adriana de Bruin

SUBJECT: Outside Litigation Consultant Contract - Geosyntec

Concurrences:**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000, for a term starting May 7, 2026, and ending no later than December 31, 2027; and

- b) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

This agreement for services with Geosyntec Consultants to provide specialized litigation support and consultant-expert services in the litigation entitled *MSB Investors LLC, et al v. County of Santa Barbara*.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This contract will be funded by the Resource Recovery Waste Management Division of Public Works, Department 054, Fund 1930, Program 1850.

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please send a copy of the minute order and signed agreement to Nellie Guerrero at nguerrero@countyofsb.org, County Counsel Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Agreement for Professional Services.

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