



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: May 16, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5^{ths}

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: County Counsel Rachel Van Mullem, County Counsel (805) 568-2950
Contact Info: Amber Holderness, Chief Assistant County Counsel (805) 568-2950
SUBJECT: Approve Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Outside Counsel Meyers Nave Related to Solid Waste Services and Contracting

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

County Counsel recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize County Counsel, or her designee, to execute an Agreement for Professional Legal Services between the County of Santa Barbara and Meyers Nave for a total not to exceed amount of \$150,000 and term ending June 30, 2025 for legal advice and representation related to solid waste services and contracting, in a form substantially similar to the County's standard Agreement for Professional Legal Services and with concurrence from Public Works, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Management, or their designees; and
- b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) because it consists of government administrative or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The Board of Supervisors, under the provisions of Section 31000 of the California Government Code, is empowered to contract for special legal services. County Counsel recommends the assistance of outside counsel Meyers Nave to provide legal advice on solid waste services and contracting, including as to the ReSource Center project. Legal fees are estimated not to exceed \$150,000.

Performance Measure: N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Costs in connection with solid waste services would be paid by the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department.

Key Contract Risks: None.

Staffing Impacts: None.

Special Instructions: Please forward a signed copy to Amber Holderness at aholderness@countyofsb.org.

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