



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: December 13, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Michael C. Ghizzoni, County Counsel (568-2950)
Director(s)
Contact Info: Anne Rierson, Senior Deputy County Counsel (568-2950)

SUBJECT: Extension of Term of Agreement with Outside Tax Legal Counsel

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- a. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for Professional Legal Services with outside tax legal counsel, Ice Miller LLP, extending the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2018, but not increasing the previously approved contract amount; and
- b. Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 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:

This Amendment No. 6 extends the term of the Agreement for Professional Legal Services with the law firm Ice Miller LLP to December 31, 2018. Ice Miller has provided the County with federal tax law advice and assistance related to the County's retirement plan and 401(h) retiree health plan. The Agreement with Ice Miller was set to expire on December 31, 2016.

Performance Measure:

Not applicable.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The extension of the current Agreement does not have any new fiscal impacts. The expenditures are being paid out of County Counsel, Dept. 13, line item 7650, Special Department Expenditures.

Key Contract Risks:

County Counsel views this Agreement as low risk due to the expertise of this firm in federal tax law and the favorable results that the firm has achieved for the County on past federal tax matters.

Special Instructions:

Please send a signed copy of Amendment No. 6 and a copy of the Minute Order to Anne Rierson in County Counsel.

Attachments:

Amendment No. 6 to Agreement for Professional Legal Services

Board Contract Summary

Authored by:

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