



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: County Counsel
Department No.: 013
For Agenda Of: June 6, 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 First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Outside Counsel Oppenheimer Investigations Group

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 a First Amended Agreement for Professional Legal Services between the County of Santa Barbara and Oppenheimer Investigations Group to increase the maximum contract amount by \$50,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$100,000 and extend the term to December 31, 2023, with concurrence from the Auditor-Controller and Risk Manager, 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 County engaged an outside investigator to conduct independent, impartial, and objective employee investigations, as needed, under the direction of County Counsel. The initial Agreement contemplated that an amendment to the Agreement may be needed as the scope expanded. Based on preliminary investigations, County Counsel recommends expanding the scope. This amendment will add additional funds and extend the term of the initial agreement.

Performance Measure: N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Key Contract Risks: None.

Staffing Impacts: None.

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

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement for Professional Legal Services

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