



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: July 8, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: County Counsel Michael C. Ghizzoni 568-2950
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SUBJECT: Amendment to Outside Counsel Contract - Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

Treasurer/Tax Collector Department

Recommended Actions:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP extending the term to July 7, 2016 and increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$75,000.00.

Summary Text: This outside counsel contract is for the firm of Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP to assist the County and the Treasurer-Tax Collector with bankruptcy matters, including but not limited to advice and litigation in bankruptcy court related to the collection of property taxes. The attorney responsible for performing the bankruptcy legal services is Barry Glaser, who also represents some other California counties.

The County has used the Steckbauer firm for over 2 years and County Counsel is satisfied with the firm's services. County Counsel recommends increasing the not-to-exceed amount to allow for continued representation in a significant bankruptcy matter, and to allow for work by this firm on future bankruptcy matters.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Budgeted – Outside Counsel Designation

Key Contract Risks: None

Special Instructions: Please forward a signed copy to County Counsel.

Attachments: Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Professional Legal Services

Contract Summary Sheet

Agreement

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Amendment No. 1.

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