



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name:	County Counsel
Department No.:	013
For Agenda Of:	June 10, 2025
Placement:	Administrative
Estimated Time:	
Continued Item:	No
If Yes, date from:	
Vote Required:	4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s): Rachel Van Mullem, County Counsel
Contact Info: Adriana de Bruin, Business Manager

SUBJECT: Outside Counsel Contract Amendment – Oppenheimer Investigations Group, LLP

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 Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Oppenheimer Investigations Group, LLP, to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$110,000 for a contract total of \$310,000; and to extend the term of the Agreement to June 30, 2026; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary:

The County engaged an outside investigator to conduct independent, impartial, and objective employee investigations, as needed, under the direction of County Counsel. This Amendment No. 5 adds \$110,000, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$310,000 and extends the term of the Agreement to June 30, 2026.

Contract Risk, Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

None

Fiscal Analysis:

Budgeted: Yes

This contract is used by multiple departments. Costs are initially paid by County Counsel and then the involved department provides reimbursement for services rendered.

Special Instructions to Clerk of the Board:

None

Attachments:

Attachment A – Amendment No. 5 to Agreement for Professional Legal Services

Attachment B – Agreement for Professional Legal Services, Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3, and Amendment No. 4

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