

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240 Agenda Number:

Department Name: County Counsel

Department No.: 013

For Agenda Of: February 21, 2012
Placement: Administrative

**Estimated Tme:** 

Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: 4/5

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Counsel Dennis Marshall 568-2950

Contact Info: Anne Rierson 568-2950

SUBJECT: Outside Counsel Contract - Steckbauer Weinhart Jaffe, LLP

#### **County Counsel Concurrence**

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** 

As to form: Yes As to form: Yes

## Other Concurrence:

Treasurer/Tax Collector Department

#### **Recommended Actions:**

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Steckbauer Weinhart Jaffe, LLP from February 21, 2012 to February 21, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

<u>Summary Text:</u> This outside counsel contract is for the firm of Steckbauer Weinhart Jaffe, 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 currently represents some other California counties and was highly recommended. The contract is not to exceed \$25,000.00.

## Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted – Outside Counsel Designation

#### **Special Instructions:**

Please forward a signed copy to County Counsel.

## **Attachments:**

Agreement for Professional Legal Services

## **Authored by:**

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