



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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Department Name: County Counsel  
Department No.: 013  
For Agenda Of: August 23, 2016  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** County Counsel Michael C. Ghizzoni 568-2950  
Contact Info: Danielle Drossel 568-2950

**SUBJECT:** Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Hanson Bridgett, LLC

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Hanson Bridgett, LLC from August 23, 2016 to August 23, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; 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) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:** This outside counsel agreement is for the firm of Hanson Bridgett, LLC to provide specialized legal services to assist the Office of County Counsel with litigation involving the County's Jail. The attorneys responsible for performing the legal services are Paul Mello and Samantha Wolff, who are both highly experienced in this type of legal work. The amount set forth in the agreement is not to exceed \$100,000.00 over a two year period.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Key Contract Risks:**

County Counsel views this Agreement as low risk because Paul Mello and Samantha Wolff, with Hanson Bridgett, LLP, are highly experienced in defending lawsuits involving jails, and have assisted other counties on issues pertaining to conditions of confinement in county jails. The Agreement also contains a termination for convenience clause that reduces risk.

**Staffing Impacts:**

<b><u>Legal Positions:</u></b>	<b><u>FTEs:</u></b>
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**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a copy of the fully executed agreement to County Counsel, Attn: Danielle Drossel.

**Attachments:** 1.) Board Contract Summary; and 2.) Agreement for Professional Legal Services

**Authored by:** Danielle Drossel, Deputy County Counsel