



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: November 14, 2017
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 No. 3 to Outside Counsel Contract - Snow Spence Green, LLP

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Snow Spence Green, LLP, increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$80,000 to \$140,000; 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 Text: From time to time, the County has a need to engage outside counsel to assist the County and its elected officials with bankruptcy matters (such as the Venoco, LLC bankruptcy). This Amendment No. 3 increases the not-to-exceed amount of the County's contract with Snow Spence Green, LLP from \$80,000 to \$140,000. The attorney primarily responsible for performing the bankruptcy legal services is Ross Spence, who was highly recommended by local bankruptcy counsel.

Key Contract Risks: None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Budgeted – Outside Counsel Designation

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

Attachments:

- A) Amendment No. 3
- B) Board Contract Summary

C) Agreement for Professional Legal Services

D) Amendment No. 1

E) Amendment No. 2

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