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Legislation Text

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Consider recommendations regarding a Contingent-Fee contract with the Law Firm of Keller Rohrback, L.L.P., for litigation services in an action to be filed by the County against certain opioid manufacturers and distributors, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required)

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a contingent-fee Professional Services Contract with the law firm of Keller Rohrback, L.L.P., for the preparation and handling of litigation to be filed by Santa Barbara County, against certain manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids, to recover the County's damages from opioid drug misuse caused by the deceptive marketing and sale of prescription opioids, and to obtain other remedies to mitigate this problem; and
- b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) because it consists of government administrative or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.