



Legislation Text

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Consider recommendations regarding a contingent fee contract with The Law Firm of Baron and Budd, P.C., for litigation services in an action to be filed against Southern California Edison, 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 Baron and Budd, P.C., for the preparation and handling of a litigation action to be filed against Southern California Edison, by Santa Barbara County and its related public entities (including the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District and the Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District), to recover damages from the December 2017 Thomas Fire and the resulting debris flow; 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.