



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Air Quality Management District

**Meeting Date:** July 9, 2019

**Department Contact:** Barbara Moed  
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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Revised Legal Services Agreement with Christiana Darlington, in an Amount not to Exceed \$40,500, for Separate Legal Representation for the Air Quality Management District Effective When Agreement Becomes Fully Executed through June 30, 2020

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve revised Legal Services Agreement with Christiana Darlington, in an amount not to exceed \$40,500, for separate legal representation for the Air Quality Management District effective when Agreement becomes fully executed through June 30, 2020; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

On November 13, 2018 - Approval of Legal Services Agreement #18-159 with Christiana Darlington as outside legal counsel for the Air Quality Management District. On May 21, 2019, the Air Quality Management District Board discussed various procedures and protocols related to legal representation on behalf of the District. On June 18, 2019, the Board provided direction regarding changes to a draft of this agreement, including that it should return on the consent calendar.

**Summary of Request:**

The Air Quality Management District is requesting to renew the Revised Legal Services Agreement with Christiana Darlington for Separate Legal Representation through June 30, 2020. The language of Exhibit B, Payment Terms, of Legal Services Agreement 19-0509 has been revised per direction to staff received on June 18, 2019. The Attorney's rate is now \$250 per hour with no monthly minimum hours. Ms. Darlington has over ten years' experience in air quality law, CEQA and planning and has been working with the District under contract since November 2018 on matters related to District programs and mandated requirements. Currently, Christiana Darlington is contracted with several other air quality management districts.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Do not approve the Legal Services Agreement; provide direction to staff.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** District budget

**current f/y cost:** Up to \$40,500

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y:** Yes

**if no, please describe:**

**revenue agreement:** No

**budget clarification:** N/A

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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**Executed By:** Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

**Date:** July 10, 2019

**Final Status:** **Approved**

**Executed Item Number:** **Agreement** Number:  
19-182

**Note to Department** Number of Original Agreements  
Returned to Dept: 1 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?  
Yes

