



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

File #: 19-0711, **Version:** 1

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Counsel

Meeting Date: August 6, 2019

Department Contact: Katharine Elliott

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Notification By Counsel and Addendum to Professional Services Agreement 18-023 With the Law Firms of Baron & Budd, Dixon Diab & Chambers, the Singleton Law Firm, Thorsnes Bartolotta McGuire, LLP, and Terry Singleton, Esquire

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Notification by Counsel and Addendum to Professional Services Agreement 18-023 with the law firms of Baron & Budd, Dixon Diab & Chambers, the Singleton Law Firm, Thorsnes Bartolotta McGuire, LLP, and Terry Singleton, Esq.; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On March 22, 2018, the Board approved the original agreement (BOS Agreement No. 18-023) with Baron & Budd, P.C., Singleton Law Firm, Thorsnes Bartolotta McGuire, Dixon Diab & Chambers, and Terry Singleton, Esq. for specialized services concerning litigation arising from the wildfires that occurred in and around Mendocino County in October 2017.

Summary of Request:

The attorneys have decided to amend their agreement so that they will no longer be jointly prosecuting claims in connection with the California North Bay Fire Litigation. Specifically, Baron & Budd and Dixon Diab & Chambers will withdraw from representing any individual clients in the California North Bay Fire Litigation while the Singleton Law Firm, APC, Thorsnes Bartolotta McGuire, LLP, and Terry Singleton, APC, will withdraw from representing any public entities, including withdrawal from representing Mendocino County.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Advise staff.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: n/a

current f/y cost: n/a

annual recurring cost: n/a

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: Yes

budget clarification: n/a

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Carmel J. Angelo, CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: August 7, 2019

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Number: **Agreement** Number:
18-023-A1

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

