



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Sharon L. Anderson, County Counsel  
Date: April 27, 2021

Subject: Delta Counties Coalition Legal Services Contract with Soluri Meserve, A Law Corporation

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Counsel, or designee, to execute on behalf of Contra Costa County, a first amended and restated legal services contract, effective February 1, 2021, among Soluri Meserve, a Law Corporation, and the Counties of Contra Costa, Solano, and San Joaquin, to pay the firm an amount not to exceed \$224,000 in connection with the firm's legal work for these three Delta Counties Coalition counties between October 22, 2019, and December 31, 2022.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Water Agency funds will be used to pay one-third of the attorney's fees and expenses charged by the Firm between February 1, 2021, and December 31, 2022.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Delta Counties Coalition ("DCC") is comprised of the Counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo. The DCC advocates for the five counties' shared interests concerning matters affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Since October 22, 2019, Soluri Meserve ("Firm")

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **04/27/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 27, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors

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By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

cc: Stephen M. Siptroth, Deputy County Counsel



#### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

has been performing legal services for the Counties of Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo under a legal services contract among those counties. The legal services contract needs to be amended to reflect Yolo County's withdrawal from the contract, a \$12,000 increase to the current \$140,000 payment limit for the current term that ends December 31, 2021, an extension of the term for one additional year through December 31, 2022, and a \$72,000 payment limit for legal services that will be performed between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. Under the amended and restated contract, each county will be responsible for paying its proportional share (i.e., one-third) of attorney's fees and expenses charged by the Firm between February 1, 2021, and December 31, 2022.

Water Agency staff recommends approving the amended and restated legal services contract to ensure the Firm can continue to perform legal work for the three DCC counties through December 31, 2022.

#### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The contract would not be amended and the firm would stop performing legal services once the current \$140,000 payment limit is reached, or by December 31, 2021, whichever occurs first.