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Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Russell Watts, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Date: May 10, 2016

Subject: Contract Amendment/Extension Agreement - Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Treasurer-Tax Collector, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP, effective May 1, 2016, to extend the term from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2018 and increase the payment limit by \$70,000 for a new payment limit of \$195,000 to continue providing specialized legal services in the area of tax-related bankruptcy matters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Varies with services rendered in assigned cases. Contractor shall receive \$275 per hour for legal services rendered by partners, \$235 per hour for legal services rendered by associates and \$150 per hour for legal services rendered by paralegals. Contractor shall be paid for its actual and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. (100% General Fund)

BACKGROUND:

Due to increasingly complex claims, many of which are beyond the expertise of the Treasurer-Tax Collector's staff, the County contracted with the law firm of Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP for legal services in tax-related bankruptcy matters in 2013. While the Treasurer-Tax Collector's staff has increased its capacity to handle more complex

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/10/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, 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: May 10, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

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cc:

bankruptcy matters, the continuing assistance of Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP is needed in certain matters due to their extensive experience and knowledge of property-tax related bankruptcy issues.

ATTACHMENTS

Steckbauer

Amendment/Extension