



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Sharon L. Anderson, County Counsel  
Date: December 15, 2020

Subject: Contract for legal services with Burke, Williams & Sorensen for specialized condemnation legal services

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

As the governing body of Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Counsel, or designee, to execute, on behalf of the County and the District, a contract for legal services with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, effective December 1, 2020, for specialized condemnation legal services, as recommended by the County Counsel.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The firm will bill the County for services performed under the contract at the hourly rates specified below.

**BACKGROUND:**

From time to time, the County and the Flood Control District require specialized condemnation (eminent domain) legal services from outside law firms. Under this contract for legal services, when determined to be necessary by the County Counsel, or designee, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, will provide the County and the District specialized condemnation legal services on a case by case basis. The firm will charge the County and the District \$315 per hour for partners, \$285 per hour for associates, and \$135 per hour for

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **12/15/2020** ☒ 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: December 15, 2020

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

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By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

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paralegals. The firm will be entitled to reimbursement for out of pocket costs specified in the contract.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County and the Flood Control District would not retain Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP to perform specialized condemnation legal services.