To: Board of Supervisors

From: Mary Ann Mason, County Counsel

Date: October 5, 2021

Subject: Legal Services Contract with Wendel Rosen, LLP

Contra
Costa
County

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Counsel, or designee, to execute, on behalf of
Contra Costa County, a contract for specialized legal services with Wendel Rosen, LLP,
effective September 21, 2021, as recommended by the County Counsel.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Eminent domain and real property matters will be charged to pertinent project accounts.
Under the contract, Wendel Rosen, LLP, will charge hourly for legal services. The firm will
be entitled to reimbursement for certain out of pocket expenses.

BACKGROUND:

From time to time, the County requires specialized outside counsel legal services for
eminent domain and inverse condemnation matters. Wendel Rosen, LLP, has expertise in
these areas. Under this contract, Wendel Rosen, LLP, will represent the County in eminent
domain and inverse condemnation litigation when the County Counsel, or designee,
determines that representation by outside counsel is necessary. Due to the specialized nature
of the services the firm provides, the County Counsel recommends approving this contract.

☑ APPROVE   ☐ OTHER

☑ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY   ☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
ADMINISTRATOR   COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/05/2021**   ☑ 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

Contact: Stephen M. Siptroth, Deputy
County Counsel, (925) 655-2200

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: October 5, 2021

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

cc: Stephen M. Siptroth, Deputy County Counsel

<u>CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:</u>
The County would not retain this firm for these legal services.