

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
January 19, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Contracting for Legal Services

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Receive and file the attached report, entitled Use of Outside Legal Counsel;
- 2) Approve the recommendations listed at the conclusion of the report;
- 3) Direct the departments of Human Resources and County Counsel to return in 180 days with written updates on the implementation status of the referenced recommendations.

**BACKGROUND:** On October 19, 2004, the Executive Office reported that a study was underway on the use of outside legal counsel by County departments, including analysis of County Counsel workloads. The study has now been completed and reviewed by the affected department heads. It concludes that the County currently spends more on outside counsel for civil matters than on staff attorneys. Unclear is the degree to which this situation is desirable, and whether it has developed consciously or as the indirect result of other decision-making processes.

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*Kathryn Field*

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Principal Management Analyst

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

*William Leno*

County Executive Office Signature

Dep't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy  
Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.4 of 10/19/04 | District: All | Agenda Number:

**ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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**BACKGROUND (continued):**

Included in October's Board action was direction to County Counsel to contract for additional legal services, as needed. Since that time, the vacant Deputy County Counsel positions have been filled. County Counsel has not contracted for additional legal services.