

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

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**FROM:** County Counsel

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
November 14, 2011

**SUBJECT:** County Counsel Billable Hourly Rate for FY 2012-2013

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve the current FY 2011-2012 billable rate of \$143.15 per hour for attorneys and \$74.98 per hour for paralegals to departments for FY 2012-2013.

**BACKGROUND:** The Office of County Counsel renders legal advice and assistance to the County Board of Supervisors and county departments, commissions, and agencies on important issues of law that face the County of Riverside; including health, public safety, welfare reform, child welfare, jail operations, environmental protection, personnel and human resources, public finance, taxation, and elections – these are among the wide range of (continued on page 2)

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FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED  
 PAUL ANGULO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER  
 BY:   
 RUSSELL S. DOMINSKI 12-19-11

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	NO
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2012-2013

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

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE and encourage County Counsel to pursue opportunities to maximize full cost recovery from outside resources to the extent possible.

**County Executive Office Signature**

- Consent
- Policy
- Consent
- Policy

Per Exec. Ofc.:

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:**

**District:**

**Agenda Number:**

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**Background (continued):**

subjects that engage the Office of County Counsel as legal advisor and primary civil litigator for the county. All county officers and employees receive the services of the County Counsel. County Counsel is funded through a combination of general funds and direct billing.

County Counsel's calculated rate for FY 2012-2013 would have increased to \$146.00 for attorneys and \$94.00 for paralegals. In an effort to ease the strain on all departments during these difficult economic times, our current rate will remain the same for FY 2012-2013.

County Counsel has no ability to absorb any increased costs, except through our billable rate. Our rates are also used to bill against Deposit Based Fees and some external non-county agencies, such as Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), First Five, School Districts, Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) and Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) and other direct bill clients.

The recommended action requests that the Board approve County Counsel's proposed hourly billable rates for FY 2012-2013.

**Rate Summary**

**For County Departments**

<b>Positions</b>	<b>FY 11-12 Current Rate</b>	<b>FY 12-13 Proposed Rate</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Attorneys	\$143.15	\$143.15	0%
Paralegals	\$ 74.98	\$ 74.98	0%