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



FROM: County Counsel

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** May 8, 2012

SUBJECT: Amended and Restated Legal Services Agreement with Robert L. Klotz, Esq. for Implementation of Board Policy B-29 (Solar Power Plants)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached amended and restated legal services agreement with Robert L. Klotz, Esq.

BACKGROUND: On March 20, 2012, (Agenda Item 3.30), the Board of Supervisors approved a legal services agreement with Robert L. Klotz, Esq., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to provide necessary legal representation in connection with implementation of the County's recently-approved solar power plant policy. The attached amended and restated legal services agreement increases the maximum compensation by \$100,000 to an amount not to exceed \$200,000 so that further implementation and litigation support services can be provided. Other amendments to the agreement are necessary to accommodate recent organizational changes within the County. No additional budget adjustments are necessary at this time, as they were included in the recommendations in the Third Quarter Report approved by the Board on May 1, 2012 (Agenda Item 3.37). The cost of the services authorized by the legal services agreement will be fully covered by franchise payments the County has already collected or by processing fees paid by applicants.

Pamela Walls **County Counsel** In Current Year Budget: Current F.Y. Total Cost: \$ 200,000 Yes **FINANCIAL Budget Adjustment: Current F.Y. Net County Cost:** No DATA For Fiscal Year: **Annual Net County Cost:** \$ FY 11/12 SOURCE OF FUNDS: Solar Franchise Payments and Deposit-based Fees Positions To Be **Deleted Per A-30** Requires 4/5 Vote C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Policy **County Executive Office Signature** Consent

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#### **AMENDED AND RESTATED**

## LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE

#### COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND ROBERT L. KLOTZ

That certain Legal Services Agreement ("Agreement") by and between the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, hereinafter called "COUNTY" and Robert L. Klotz, hereinafter called "ATTORNEY", executed by COUNTY on March 20, 2012 and executed by ATTORNEY on March 13, 2012 is hereby amended and restated, as follows:

- 1. <u>TERM OF AGREEMENT.</u> This Agreement shall commence upon execution by both parties and continue until completion of services or exhaustion of the agreed amount of compensation specified below in paragraph 4, unless sooner terminated pursuant to Section 5 or Section 10. This agreement is a continuation of the prior legal services agreement between COUNTY and ATTORNEY executed by COUNTY on January 25, 2012, and executed by ATTORNEY on December 12, 2011. It ratifies and approves the continuation of legal services which were provided in excess of the original amount authorized under the prior legal services agreement.
- 2. <u>ATTORNEY SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.</u> ATTORNEY shall provide services in the general nature of comments, advice, recommendations and written drafts with respect to matters concerning implementation of COUNTY'S solar power plant policy (Board of Supervisors Policy B-29) and related matters. Attorney services are more specifically described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein. ATTORNEY has specialized expertise in land use law, environmental law, municipal law and related litigation.
- 3. <u>KEY ATTORNEY.</u> ATTORNEY agrees that Robert L. Klotz will be the sole attorney assigned to perform the work under this Agreement. Any changes or substitution of the assigned attorney must have the express written approval of the County Counsel.
  - 4. COMPENSATION.
- 4.1 COMPENSATION RATE. COUNTY shall pay ATTORNEY at the rate of \$330 per hour for all services rendered.

- 4.2 COMPENSATION FOR PROJECT-SPECIFIC SERVICES. With respect to the services described in paragraph (2) of Exhibit A to this Agreement, ATTORNEY shall be compensated solely from processing fees deposited by applicants for each project-specific agreement. COUNTY shall monitor the amount of fees on deposit with respect to each project-specific agreement in order to ensure that adequate funds remain on deposit to compensate both COUNTY and ATTORNEY for necessary services. If adequate funds are not on deposit, COUNTY shall notify ATTORNEY and services shall be suspended.
- 4.3 <u>COMPENSATION FOR OTHER SERVICES.</u> With respect to the services described in paragraphs (1) and (3) of Exhibit A to this Agreement, the total amount of compensation paid to ATTORNEY shall not exceed the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND dollars (\$200,000) unless a written amendment to this Agreement is executed by both parties prior to performance of any additional services. The TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND dollars authorized by this Agreement is in addition to the TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND dollars paid under the prior legal services agreement referenced in paragraph 1. COUNTY and ATTORNEY will monitor work requirements and efforts such that the limits of compensation are not exceeded. ATTORNEY shall notify COUNTY immediately in writing when ATTORNEY has expended seventy-five percent (75%) of the pre-approved compensation as stated in this Agreement.
- 5. <u>UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.</u> When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available in any fiscal year, this Agreement shall be terminated by COUNTY upon immediate notice to ATTORNEY. ATTORNEY shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred and covered under the terms of this Agreement.
- 6. <u>EXPENSES.</u> COUNTY shall reimburse ATTORNEY for his actual out-of-pocket expenses, but without any additional costs for having advanced the funds or for expenses generally considered as overhead already reflected in ATTORNEY'S hourly rate.
- 6.1 Reimbursable ordinary expenses are those expenses incurred on COUNTY'S behalf, and shall include, but not be limited to: (i) postage; (ii) courier service; (iii) in-house document reproduction; and (iv) long distance phone calls. No single expense shall exceed \$500 without the prior consent of COUNTY.

- 6.2 Reimbursable extraordinary expenses are those expenses for which ATTORNEY has obtained prior approval of COUNTY, and shall include, but not be limited to: (i) consultants; (ii) travel outside Riverside County; (iii) investigative services; and (iv) any expense item exceeding \$500.00.
- 6.3 Non-reimbursable expenses shall include, but not be limited to: (i) staff time or overtime for performing secretarial, clerical, or word processing functions; (ii) charges for the time spent to provide necessary information for COUNTY'S audits or billing inquiries; (iii) mileage or travel expenses from the regular office of ATTORNEY to Riverside County; and (iv) charges for work performed which had not been authorized by COUNTY.
- 7. PAYMENT. ATTORNEY shall submit his billing statements monthly, in arrears, no later than the last day of the month following the month(s) for which services were rendered. In order to facilitate COUNTY'S cost recovery, ATTORNEY shall submit a separate billing statement for the services described in paragraph (1) of Exhibit A to this Agreement. With respect to the services described in paragraph (2) of Exhibit A to this Agreement, ATTORNEY shall submit separate monthly billing statements for each project-specific agreement. Billing for all other services shall be submitted as part of a single, separate monthly billing statement. The original billing statement(s) and one copy shall be submitted to:

Tiffany N. North Office of County Counsel 3960 Orange Street Suite 500 Riverside, CA 92501

- 7.1 The original of each billing statement shall have the declaration of ATTORNEY and shall be itemized to include (i) staffing level(s), hourly rates and specific activities for each attorney and/or paralegal; (ii) listing of each activity as a line item in a time reporting format acceptable to COUNTY with a detailed description of specific activities for each attorney and/or paralegal; (iii) total current period fees and total cumulative fees billed for each staffing level; and (iv) current period expenses and total cumulative expenses billed in itemized categories, including all invoices for disbursements paid to others.
- 7.2 ATTORNEY shall have and maintain all backup documentation to support all entries included in the monthly billing statement. Such documentation shall be in a form subject to audit and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. ATTORNEY shall make such documentation

available to auditors upon request and at such reasonable times and locations as may be agreed to between COUNTY and ATTORNEY.

- 7.3 Payments shall be made by COUNTY within thirty (30) days of receipt of itemized billing statements from ATTORNEY. COUNTY shall not pay interest or finance charges on any outstanding balance(s).
- 8. <u>LICENSES.</u> ATTORNEY, his employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors, shall maintain professional licenses required by the laws of the State of California at all times while performing services under this Agreement. ATTORNEY shall perform all services and duties in conformance to and consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by attorneys in the State of California.
- 9. <u>NOTICES.</u> Any and all notices and required reports shall be written and hand-delivered or mailed by first class, postage prepaid, addressed to COUNTY or ATTORNEY at the following addresses below, or at any other address COUNTY or ATTORNEY shall provide in writing to each other:

Tiffany North Office of County Counsel 3960 Orange Street Suite 500 Riverside, CA 92501 Robert L. Klotz Attorney at Law 192 N. Buckskin Way Orange, CA 92869

- 10. <u>TERMINATION</u>. Services performed under this Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, at any time COUNTY believes it to be in its best interest. COUNTY shall terminate services by delivering to ATTORNEY a written termination notice executed by COUNTY specifying the extent to which services are terminated and the effective date. With respect to the services described in paragraph (2) of Exhibit A to this Agreement, ATTORNEY may decline to negotiate any new project-specific agreements by giving thirty (30) days written notice to COUNTY.
- 10.1 After receiving a termination notice, and unless otherwise directed by COUNTY, ATTORNEY shall take all steps necessary to stop services on the date and to the extent specified in the termination notice, and submit billing for all services performed before the date of the termination notice, and any services to be completed as set forth in the termination notice, within thirty (30) days from effective termination date. ATTORNEY shall promptly submit a brief report advising of the status of all

matters, including any unresolved matters being handled by ATTORNEY for COUNTY. ATTORNEY shall give COUNTY copies or originals, as appropriate of all files and attorney work product for all matters on which they have been working. This includes any computerized index, computer programs and document retrieval system created or used for these matters.

- 11. <u>SUPERVISION OF AGREEMENT.</u> County Counsel shall have authority to act for COUNTY with respect to all services provided by ATTORNEY under this Agreement. All work shall be performed under the direction and supervision of County Counsel, and all comments, recommendations and advice shall be subject to the approval of County Counsel.
- 12. <u>ASSIGNMENT.</u> No part of this Agreement or any right or obligation arising from it is assignable without the written consent of COUNTY. Any attempt by ATTORNEY to assign or subcontract services relating to this Agreement without the consent of COUNTY shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. However, ATTORNEY may retain consultants and experts as ATTORNEY deems appropriate after receiving the written approval of COUNTY.
- 13. <u>NON-DISCRIMINATION</u>. In the performance of the terms of this Agreement, ATTORNEY shall not engage in nor permit others they may employ to engage in discrimination in the employment of persons because of the race, color, national origin or ancestry, religion, physical handicap, disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), medical condition, marital status or sex of such persons, in accordance with the provision of California Labor Code Section 1735.
- 14. <u>PROFESSIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>. ATTORNEY represents and warrants that no COUNTY employee whose position enables him/her to influence the award of this Agreement or any competing agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee is or shall be employed in any capacity by ATTORNEY, or shall have any direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement.
- 14.1 Anyone who is a former employee of COUNTY at the time of execution of this Agreement or who subsequently becomes affiliated with ATTORNEY in any capacity (employee, associate or partner) shall not (i) participate in the services provided by ATTORNEY to COUNTY; or (ii) become a partner, shareholder or otherwise share in the profits of ATTORNEY for a period of one year from the date the former COUNTY employee left COUNTY employment.

- 14.2 Except as provided below, ATTORNEY shall have no interest, and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which will conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required under this Agreement.
- (a) ATTORNEY currently represents Sunny Sage LLC and RANPAC Inc. with respect to matters related to County Specific Plan No. 327 and related land use approvals, which matters are adverse to COUNTY, but not directly related to the contract services herein.
- (b) COUNTY agrees that ATTORNEY may continue such representation and waives any conflict of interest related thereto; provided, however, that such conflict waiver shall not apply with respect to any litigation which may be filed by any of such entities against COUNTY. COUNTY further agrees that ATTORNEY may represent other clients in future matters before COUNTY which are adverse to COUNTY, but not directly related to the contract services herein; provided however, that such representation shall not include representation in litigation against COUNTY.
- 15. <u>CONFIDENTIALITY</u>. ATTORNEY shall maintain the confidentiality of all information which he may acquire arising out of or connected with activities under this Agreement in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and County laws, regulations, ordinances and directives relating to confidentiality, including the Code of Professional Responsibility. ATTORNEY shall inform all of their principals, employees and agents providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement. These confidentiality obligations shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 16. <u>COMMUNICATIONS WITH COUNTY.</u> ATTORNEY recognizes that his relationship with COUNTY and its officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives is subject to the attorney-client privilege and that any information acquired during the term of this Agreement from or through COUNTY is confidential and privileged. ATTORNEY warrants that he shall not disclose or use in any manner whatsoever any of the information from COUNTY and its officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives in connection with said relationships or proceedings. ATTORNEY understands that the County Counsel is the empowered legal representative of COUNTY and its officers, officials,

1	employees, agents and representatives, and ATTORNEY shall not without specific direction from the
2	County Counsel communicate with, advise or represent the COUNTY'S legislative body.
3	17. <u>COMPLETE AGREEMENT</u> . This Agreement shall constitute the complete and exclusive
4	statement of understanding between COUNTY and ATTORNEY which supersedes all previous written or
5	oral agreements and all prior communications between COUNTY and ATTORNEY relating to the subject
6	matter of this Agreement.
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8	Dated: COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
9	By:
10	By: Chairman, Board of Supervisors
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12	ATTEST: Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board
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17	Dated: ATTORNEY
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#### EXHIBIT A

ATTORNEY shall provide the following services:

- Recommendations for development agreement procedures, a model development agreement and related ordinance amendments implementing COUNTY'S solar power plant policy (Board of Supervisors Policy B-29);
- (2) Negotiation of project-specific agreements implementing COUNTY'S solar power plant policy, as directed by County Counsel; and,
- (3) Comments, recommendations and advice with respect to other matters related to COUNTY'S solar power plant policy, as directed by County Counsel.

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