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Departmental Concurrence

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

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**FROM:** Office of County Counsel

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
October 15, 2013

**SUBJECT:** County Counsel Billable Hourly Rates for FY 2014-2015 Districts: All [\$436,613]

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

1. Approve and adopt the proposed FY 2014-2015 billable hourly rates for the Office of County Counsel as specified in Attachment A.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In accordance with Board Policies B4 and B-28, the Office of County Counsel will bring cost recovery rates to the Board of Supervisors for approval and adoption annually. County Counsel is proposing the billable hourly rates for FY 2014-2015 to recover costs associated with rendering legal advice and assistance to the County Board of Supervisors and various county departments, commissions, and agencies on important issues of law that face the County of Riverside. (Continue on Page 2)

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Pamela J. Walls  
County Counsel

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ N/A	N/A	\$436,613	\$ N/A	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A	

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Reimbursement for services from departmental budgets and outside revenue sources  
**Budget Adjustment:** N/A  
**For Fiscal Year:** 2014-2015

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

APPROVE  
 BY: *[Signature]*  
 Denise C. Harden

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

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District: ALL

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

**FORM 11: County Counsel Billable Hourly Rates for FY 2014-2015**

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

County Counsel operates as a General Support Service (GSS) and must recover costs through charges to customers. County Counsel is funded through a combination of general funds and direct billing from outside revenue sources. Rates were derived by combining direct and indirect costs incurred by direct service billable hours incurred to run and operate the department.

County Counsel has no ability to absorb any increased costs, except through full cost recovery in our billable rates. 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), as well as other direct bill clients with outside funding sources.

County Counsel's goal is to provide cost-effective legal services designed to promote the public service objective of the County of Riverside, while at the same time protecting them County from risk and loss.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

There is minimal to no impact on Residents and Businesses. Rates would be used for Deposit Based Fees.

The recommended action requests that the Board approve County Counsel's proposed billable hourly rates for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The Auditor-Controller's Office has reviewed the proposed rate and methodology.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Proposed FY 2014-2015**  
**Billable Hourly Rates Summary**

<b>POSITIONS</b>	<b>FY 13-14 CURRENT RATE</b>	<b>FY 14-15 PROPOSED RATE</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>
Attorneys	\$155.00	\$163.00	.05%
Paralegals	\$ 71.00	\$ 74.00	.04%