

**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

RUSSELL S. DOMINSKI 12-17-11

Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	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

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	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

Donna C. Hardin

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Stone and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended and IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Office's recommendation is incorporated herein.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: February 7, 2012
xc: Co.Co., Auditor, EO

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | District: | Agenda Number:

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Per Exec. Ofc.:

- Policy
- Consent
- Policy
- Consent

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

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