

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

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FROM: County Counsel

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Budget Adjustment and amend Ordinance No. 440 pursuant to Resolution No. 440- 8929 submitted herewith.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make budget adjustments increasing appropriations shown on Schedule A and amend Ordinance No. 440 pursuant to Resolution No. 440-8929 submitted herewith.

BACKGROUND: County Counsel provides legal services to the Board of Supervisors', as well as various agencies and departments of Riverside County. The Transportation Land Management Agency (TLMA) has requested specialized services in California Environmental Quality Act review and litigation. The Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Flood) has also requested specialized legal assistance in Storm Water Permits, NPDES, work with the three Regional Water Quality Control Boards and coordinating litigation in connection with these permits. Currently, TMLA and Flood are paying outside attorneys fees in the amount of \$300 to \$450 an hour for these specialized services. Both departments have asked County Counsel for a dedicated environmental attorney who could provide these services at a reduced cost and could assist their departments in avoiding litigation as well as handling such litigation should it arise.

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PAMELA J. WALLS, County Counsel

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 212,789	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2013/2014

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Charges for services rendered to Flood and TLMA departments	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Denise C. Harden

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended and that Resolution 440-8929 is adopted as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley

Nays: None

Absent: None

Date: July 16, 2013

By: HR Co. Co., EO, Auditor

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board

By:
Deputy

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Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District:

Agenda Number:

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 PAUL ANGULO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY: Samuel Wong 7/17/13
 SAMUEL WONG
 Departmental Concurrence

Approved by Barbara A. Olfert,
 Asst. County Executive Officer/
 Human Resources Director

Policy
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Dept's Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

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BACKGROUND (cont'd): County Counsel is also in need of one additional Legal Support Assistant II-C (LSA) position to support its attorneys. Since 2005, County Counsel has lost six LSA positions and one paralegal position and currently, we have approximately five attorneys for each legal support assistant. The significant increase in litigation and other responsibilities now being handled by County Counsel has impacted the legal support staff and their ability to address the high volume and deadlines.

This department requests to add one position of Deputy County Counsel IV and one Legal Support Assistant II-C to accommodate the increased higher level service request and to increase appropriations to accommodate the salary expenses and revenue. The position will be funded by the aforementioned departments. There will be no additional impact on the general fund as increased revenues will offset additional expenses.

Schedule A

Increase Appropriations:

10000-1500100000-510040	Regular Salaries	\$151,992
10000-1500100000-518100	Budgeted Benefits	<u>\$ 60,797</u>
		\$212,789

Increase Estimated Revenue:

10000-1500100000-778160	Interfund Legal	\$106,395
10000-1500100000-771410	Flood Control District	\$106,394

