

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



ITEM  
3.13  
(ID # 8181)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

FROM : HUMAN RESOURCES AND COUNTY COUNSEL AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE :

SUBJECT: HUMAN RESOURCES, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approval  
of Pre-Qualified Counsel List for Specialized Legal Services, All Districts. [\$0]  
(3.13 of October 2, 2018).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Prequalified List of Attorneys for Specialized Legal Services; and
2. Authorize the Risk Management Steering Committee (County Finance Officer, Assistant Human Resources Director, and Assistant County Counsel) to utilize the services of the selected counsel on an as needed basis.

ACTION: Policy

*Brenda Dieckrichs*  
Brenda Dieckrichs, Assistant CEO / Human Resources Director

10/11/2018

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: October 16, 2018  
xc: HR, Co.Co., EO

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board

By: *[Signature]*  
Deputy

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<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: N/A</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: N/A</b>	

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In July 2017, the Risk Management Steering Committee (RMSC) was formed consisting of the County Finance Officer, Assistant Human Resources Director, and Assistant County Counsel. The purpose of the RMSC was to bring a higher level of review to the risk management process and to attempt to identify trends of loss and address them to reduce risk to the County.

Part of this process has been analyzing the needs of the County in retaining special counsel. Over the past four years, the amount and complexity of cases handled by the County Counsel's office has increased substantially. More specifically, the County Counsel's Office is handling more risk management cases than ever before. These cases were previously handled by special counsel.

Government Code Section 25203 states that the Board of Supervisors shall "direct and control the conduct of litigation in which the County is a party. Government Code Section 31000 allows the Board to authorize the use of special counsel where the County Counsel's Office is unable to handle the case due to a lack of capacity or expertise.

In order to best represent the County's interests in these cases, the RMSC proposes the attached list of panel firms be approved by the Board of Supervisors. These 25 firms have represented many public entities across the state and have significant experience in diverse areas such as appellate law, civil rights, dangerous conditions, election law, employee relations, general government and taxation, just to name a few. This panel will allow the County the flexibility to draw from firms with this significant and varied expertise to best match the appropriate firm with a particular case or issue.

The RMSC will review cases when they are served on the County and determine whether County Counsel or special counsel will represent the County. The RMSC will then match the case to the firm best suited to represent the County in that case. The approval of this pre-qualified list of 25 law firms will allow the RMSC to make these assignments, where appropriate, to the firm with the necessary experience and background to best represent the County. The goal is to obtain the best, most cost-effective representation designed to achieve the optimal result for the County.

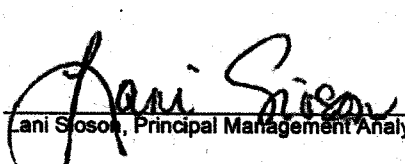

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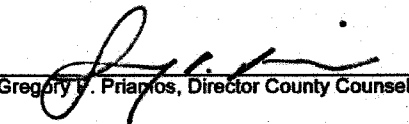
**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Additional firms will allow the County to better select counsel with the appropriate expertise with each specific case. This will result in a more cost effective and efficient handling of cases.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**ATTACHMENT A. Pre-qualified List of Counsel**

	
Lani Sison, Principal Management Analyst	Don R. Kent, Assistant CEO-County Finance Officer
10/11/2018	10/11/2018

	
Michael Bowers, Assistant HR Director	Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel
10/4/2018	10/4/2018

## **PRE-QUALIFIED LIST OF COUNSEL**

- I. Aarvig & Associates
2. Arias & Lockwood
3. Bent, Caryl and Kroll
4. Best, Best & Krieger
5. Burke, Williams, Sorensen
6. Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont
7. Collins Collins Muir & Stewart
8. Disenhouse Law
9. Ford Walker Haggerty & Behar
10. Ferguson, Praet & Sherman
11. Greines Martin Stein & Richland
12. Law Offices of Henslee Smith
13. Hurrell Cantrall
14. Law Offices of Mike Kaiser
15. Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi
16. Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith
17. Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
18. Lynberg & Watkins
19. Manning, Marder, Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester
20. Maranga Morgenstern
21. Renne Public Law Group
22. Rinos & Martin
23. Smith Law Offices

24. Thompson & Colegate

25. Woodruff Spradlin & Smart

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**3.13**  
(MT 8100)

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the recommendation from Human Resources, County Counsel and Executive Office regarding the Approval of Pre-Qualified Counsel List for Specialized Legal Services, All Districts, is continued to Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on October 2, 2018 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors  
Dated: October 2, 2018  
Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

(seal)

By:  Deputy

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xc: EO, Co.Co., HR, COB

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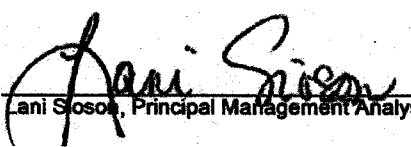

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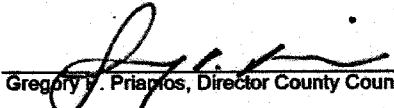
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