

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



**ITEM: 3.9
(ID # 11240)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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].

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 to utilize the services of the selected counsel on an as needed basis.

ACTION: Policy

Brenda Niedrichs

Brenda Niedrichs, Assistant CEO / Human Resources Director

12/18/2019

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: January 7, 2020
xc: HR

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: *Kecia R. Harper*
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NET COUNTY COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year: N/A	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Risk Management Steering Committee (RMSC) which consists of the Executive Office, County Counsel, and Human Resources was established to provide a high-level review of the County's risk management process to reduce liability exposures and associated expenses. In addition, the RMSC reviews lawsuits served on the County and assigns counsel that is best suited to represent the County's interests.

In order to best represent the County in these cases, the RMSC proposes the updated attached list of panel firms be approved by the Board of Supervisors. These 27 firms have represented many public entities across the state and have significant experience in diverse areas such as civil rights, dangerous conditions of public property, employee relations, general government law, taxation law, election law, and appellate law, just to name a few. This panel will allow the County the flexibility to draw from firms with significant and varied expertise to best match the appropriate firm with a case or issue.

The RMSC will review cases when they are served on the County and determine whether County Counsel or panel counsel will represent the County. The RMSC will then assign the case to the firm best suited to represent the County in that case. The approval of this pre-qualified list of 27 law firms will allow the RMSC to make assignments 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. Previous agenda item: 3-13 10/16/2018

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.

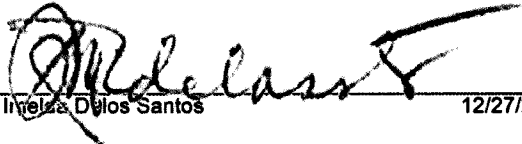
ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A. Pre-qualified List of Counsel

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Don R. Kent, Assistant CEO-County Finance Officer 12/27/2019



Invela Dulos Santos 12/27/2019



Gregory V. Priapos, Director County Counsel 12/27/2019

PRE-QUALIFIED LIST OF COUNSEL

1. Arias & Lockwood
2. Brent, Caryl and Kroll
3. Best, Best & Krieger
4. Bonne Bridges, Muller, O'Keefe & Nichols
5. Burke, Williams, Sorensen
6. Cole Huber LLP
7. Collins Collins Muir & Stewart
8. Daley & Heft
9. Disenhouse Law
10. Ford Walker Haggerty & Behar
11. Ferguson, Praet & Sherman
12. Graves & King
13. Greines Martin Stein & Richland
14. Kjar, McKenna & Stockalper
15. Law Offices of Henslee Smith
16. Hurrell Cantrall
17. Law Offices of Mike Kaiser
18. Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi
19. Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith
20. Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
21. Manning, Marder, Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester
22. Maranga Morgenstern
23. Renne Public Law Group
24. Rinos & Martin
25. Smith Law Offices
26. Thompson & Colegate
27. Woodruff Spradlin & Smart