



OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Daniel Vandekoolwyk, Deputy County Counsel *DSV*
DATE: 6/21/2022
RE: Retroactive Legal Services Agreement: Burke, Williams & Sorenson – Legistar File # 22-1065

This memo is to notify you that a retroactive contract for legal services is on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for June 28, 2022. Our office strives to avoid retroactive contracts whenever possible. However, in this instance, we are recommending the Board approve this retroactive contract for legal services in order to ensure continuity of representation in active litigation matters. To provide some additional context, the County has had an agreement for legal services related to right of way acquisition with Meyers Nave a Professional Law Corporation since 2010. The County has primarily worked with Brenda Aquilar-Guerrero. Ms. Aquilar-Guerrero has also represented the County in eminent domain matters where necessary, and currently represents the County in two pending cases: *County of El Dorado v. Martin Murillo and Diane S. Murillo, Trustees of the MDM Trust under Declaration of Trust Dated December 18, 2007, et al* and *County of El Dorado v. El Dorado County Industrial Development Corporation, Inc., et. al*. Our office was notified in May of this year that Ms. Aquilar-Guerrero had accepted a partnership at Burke, Williams & Sorenson, and she formally began working at that firm on June 6, 2022. Once we were notified, our office began working with Burke, Williams & Sorenson on a new legal services agreement. However, we were not able to get an agreement executed before Ms. Aquilar-Guerrero started at Burke, Williams & Sorenson on June 6, 2022. We drafted this agreement as retroactive to ensure that the County has continuity of representation in the active litigation matters that Ms. Aquilar-Guerrero currently serves as the attorney on record for the County. We are not anticipating significant billings between June 6, 2022, to June 28, 2022.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.