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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
Sue Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Olivia Byron-Cooper, Director of Health & Human Services *OBC*

SUBJECT: Retroactive Agreement for Services – Item 26-0761, 7/21/2026
Nastich Law

This memo is to notify you that a retroactive agreement 10369 with Nastich Law, A Professional Corporation, has been requested by the Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Animal Services and is on the Board of Supervisor's Agenda for July 21, 2026 (File ID: 26-0761).

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 597.1, HHSA Animal Services Officers are authorized to seize or impound an animal based on a reasonable belief that prompt action is required to protect the health or safety of the animal or health and safety of others. Animal Services shall provide the owner or keeper of the animal, if known, an opportunity for a post-seizure administrative hearing to determine the validity of the seizure or impoundment, or both and may authorize a hearing officer from an outside agency to conduct these administrative hearings.

The County, through its Planning and Building Department (PABD), had an agreement with Nastich Law during August 2025, at which time Animal Services staff were notified that animal hearing officer services were needed in South Lake Tahoe. Without recognizing that Animal Services could not utilize the PABD contract for the required services, Animal Services received services from Nastich Law in August 2025 to conduct a post-seizure administrative hearing. After receiving services, HHSA submitted the invoice to PABD for payment and Animal Services discovered that the post-seizure administrative hearing was not within the approved scope of services through the Nastich Law contract with PABD for code enforcement legal services.

Consequently, HHSA is recommending the Board approve the agreement with a retroactive start date of August 1, 2025 as this would allow HHSA to pay for the services rendered by Nastich Law in August 2025.

To prevent recurrence, staff have received additional training, guidance, and procedural reinforcement regarding contract requirements under Board Policy and internal processes.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further.