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Board of Supervisors  
County of El Dorado  
330 Fair Lane  
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**Re: Approval of Legal Services Agreement with Scharff, Brady and  
Vinding for Representation in the Case of *Sayegh v. County of El  
Dorado, et al.***

Honorable Supervisors:

**Recommendation:**

County Counsel recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached agreement for legal services with the law firm of Scharff, Brady and Vinding for representation of the County in the case of *Sayegh v. County of El Dorado, et al.*, El Dorado County Superior Court Case No. PC20090366.

**Reasons for Recommendation:**

This case is a challenge under the California Environmental Quality Act to the Board's approval of the Alto project on May 5, 2009. On June 30, 2009, in closed session the Board authorized defense of the action and directed that we bring back a contract for Board approval with the law firm of Scharff, Brady and Vinding to represent the County in the case. The project approval contains a provision calling for the project applicant to indemnify the County in the event of a challenge to the project approval. So the County will not incur any out of pocket expenses as the result of this contract.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

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**Actions to Be Taken After Board Approval:**

County Counsel will supervise the work of outside counsel in handling the case.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions the Board may have.

Respectfully submitted,



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