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Legislation Text

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Environmental Management Department recommending Chairman be authorized to sign Second Amendment to Agreement 021-A-06/07-BOS with The Law Offices of Thomas M. Bruen increasing compensation by \$200,000 to a total not to exceed amount of \$500,000 and increase the hourly rate from \$225 to \$250 for a perpetual term to provide specialty research and advisory services regarding air quality management, solid, liquid and hazardous waste.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

FUNDING: CSA No. 10 and Air Quality Management District funds.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$200,000.
Funding		
Budgeted	\$200,000.	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$200,000.	
Change To Net County Cost		\$0.00

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: Funding of \$200,000 for FY 08/09 is included in the CSA No. 10 and AQMD budgets.

Background:

Reason for Recommendation: The Environmental Management Department has utilized the legal services of The Law Offices of Thomas M. Bruen for over a decade. This firm has provided critical legal support to County Counsel and the Department regarding a variety of air quality, solid, liquid and hazardous waste matters. Their services have included a) preparation, draft and review of memorandum, contracts, resolutions and municipal service agreements; b) review and analysis of applicable environmental law as they apply to environmental issues and waste management; c) review and draft solid and hazardous waste ordinances; and d) assist in litigation matters as directed by County Counsel including issues related to the Meyers Landfill and the Air Quality Management District. This second amendment will allow for the continued legal and legislative support related to the above issues.

The Department recommends the Board make findings that in accordance with County Charter Article II, Section 210 b(6) that it is appropriate to obtain an outside consultant for the provision of

specialty research and advisory services regarding air quality management, solid, liquid and hazardous waste.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Upon execution by the Chair, the Board Clerk's office will forward copies of the amended agreement to the Environmental Management Department for distribution, encumbrance, and administration.

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Concurrences: County Counsel