

**EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Date: June 12, 2019

Subject/Title: Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute a Three Year Agreement for General Counsel Services with the law firm Hanson Bridgett LLP to provide District Legal Services.

Submitted by: Brian Helmick, Fire Chief

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION

Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the Fire Chief, to execute an Agreement for General Counsel Services with the law firm of Hanson Bridgett LLP to provide District legal services through June 30, 2024.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 6, 2016, by Resolution 2016-11, the Board of Directors approved an extension of the Agreement for General Counsel Services with the law firm of Hanson Bridgett LLP to provide District legal services for Fiscal year 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

SUBJECT BACKGROUND

The East Contra Costa Fire Protection District is a special district formed pursuant to Fire Protection District Law, California Health and Safety Code §13800 et seq. ("Code"). As such, the District is required to operate in conformance with the Code relating to matters of District structure, Board of Director's, powers and duties of the District, finances, service, and employee relations. In addition, the District is party to various labor contracts with District staff including management, IAFF Local 1230 Firefighters Union, and AFSCME Local 2700 Clerical Union. The special nature of the District and the services it provides requires legal representation that is practiced in this field and applicable law.

The law firm of Hanson Bridgett possessed the necessary qualifications and exhibited experience with Fire Protection District Law, multijurisdictional Boards of Directors, the Brown Act, labor law, and the Firefighters Bill of Rights, as well as financing issues. It is proposed that Shayna van Hoften, a Partner of the firm, will serve as General Counsel for the District, attend Board of Directors' meetings and maintain first point of contact for the District. Ms. Van Hoften will be supported by Diane O'Malley, a partner in the labor and employment section at Hanson Bridgett LLP, and the resources of the firm.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

This item for \$365,000 has been budgeted in the 2019-20 Operating Budget under account number F01-1000-70239.00.

Attachments: Resolution
Exhibit A - Fees

**EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-XX

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION TO AN AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL COUNSEL SERVICES WITH THE LAW FIRM OF HANSON BRIDGETT LLP TO PROVIDE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

WHEREAS, The East Contra Costa Fire Protection District is a special district formed pursuant to Fire Protection District Law, California Health and Safety Code §13800 et seq (“Code”); and

WHEREAS, the District is required to operate in conformance with the Code and other laws relating to matters of District structure, Board of Directors’, powers and duties, finances, service and employee relations; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2016 by Resolution 2016-11, the Board of Directors approved an Agreement for General Counsel Services with the law firm of Hanson Bridgett LLP to provide District legal services through June 30, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District does hereby:

1. Approve an Agreement for General Counsel Services with the law firm of Hanson Bridgett LLP through June 30, 2024.
2. Authorize the Fire Chief to execute said extension of the agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of June 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Brian J. Oftedal
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Brian Helmick, Clerk of the Board