



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY ATTORNEY

File #: 22-412

Board Meeting Date: 6/14/2022

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John D. Nibbelin, County Attorney

Subject: Second Amendment to Agreement with Hanson Bridgett LLP to provide outside legal services in connection with real property law and negotiations

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing a second amendment to the agreement with Hanson Bridgett LLP, increasing the maximum amount payable by \$100,000, to an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

BACKGROUND:

In November 2021 the County Attorney's Office entered into an agreement with Hanson Bridgett LLP (Hanson Bridgett) to provide legal advice, consultation and representation in connection with real property law and project entitlements, and project delivery related matters for school districts and other Office clients. The original agreement (Agreement) was for the term of November 10, 2021 through December 31, 2022, and initially authorized an amount up to \$100,000 for these legal services. The parties subsequently amended the Agreement to increase the maximum amount payable to \$200,000.

DISCUSSION:

The County Attorney's Office is working with school district clients, including the Ravenswood City School District and the Jefferson Union High School District in pursuing development projects on property owned by these districts.

Hanson Bridgett has provided specialized legal support to address complex real property and entitlement-related issues, in addition to assisting in developing and implementing negotiation strategies and documents for contemplated development projects. Given the complex nature of the issues referred to Hanson Bridgett and the firm's familiarity with both projects, that firm is uniquely able to efficiently provide the services described in the Agreement.

The resolution contains the County's standard provision allowing amendments of the County's fiscal obligation by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The value of the amendment is \$100,000. There is no fiscal impact to the County budget, as the client school districts are responsible for funding the services called for in the Agreement.