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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Esperanza Colio Warren

COUNTY COUNSEL:
Gregory Priamos

CLERK OF THE BOARD:
Vanessa Delgado

Item Number: 2.7

MEETING DATE: 01/13/2026

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Vanessa Delgado

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Esperanza Colio Warren

SUBJECT:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - E. COLIO WARREN

1. Approve Amendment #2 to the General Legal Services Agreement with Prentice Long, PC; and
2. Authorize the Chair, County Administrative Officer, or designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 119

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On August 1, 2024, the County entered into a contract with Prentice Long PC (PLPC) to provide contract County Counsel Services. On August 12, 2025, the Board approved Amendment #1 to the contract to substitute Gregory P. Priamos for David Prentice as the assigned County Counsel. The amendment also removed the monthly 2% Administrative Fee and attempted to address travel expenses related to providing the County Counsel services by Mr. Priamos but did not accurately reflect the intent of the parties.

Since that time, Prentice Long PC has made significant improvements in the quality and responsiveness of the services provided by the County Counsel's Office. First, the County Counsel and the County Executive Officer (CEO) have developed a strong professional partnership focused on Ms. Colio Warren's implementation of the Board's policy goals and objectives. Second, the County Counsel has and will continue to assist the CEO in drafting, updating, and implementing county policies, procedures, and processes to improve efficiency and effectiveness of county operations and services to its residents. Mr. Priamos has and will continue to assist the CEO with training for the department heads on critical issues facing the county.

Third, the County Counsel's Office has significantly improved its internal processes and operations. The Office has implemented a formal legal services request process to streamline the receipt and completion of assignments for county departments. The Firm has invested in a new case and records management system to better handle assignments and litigation at no cost to the county.

Fourth, the County Counsel's Office has been fully integrated into county operations such that they are able to work proactively with the CEO, Risk Management, and individual county departments to better protect the county and reduce liability and costs. There has also been a reduced reliance on outside counsel saving the taxpayers additional money.

Lastly, the Firm has made a commitment to provide additional staff to better serve San Benito County again at no additional cost. The Firm has hired a lawyer with over 15 years' experience in local government including past service in the Monterey County Counsel's Office. This lawyer provides the office with additional land use and planning expertise as well as a broad range of experience in legal matters facing the county. The Office will now be staffed by the County Counsel with over 37 years of experience in county and city government along with a full-time Assistant County Counsel, two Deputy Counsel Counsels, a Paralegal, and a Legal Assistant. The County also has access to the many other talented lawyers and support staff located in the Firm's Redding Office for additional support.

This Amendment #2 is presented for the Board's consideration and approval to clarify that any travel expenses for the County Counsel to extend his stay in Hollister, beyond the regular board meetings, in order to attend special board meetings, or any other Board or CEO required attendance in Hollister shall be reimbursed by the County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no significant fiscal impact. There may be some additional travel costs throughout the year but those are expected to be less than \$10,000. There are sufficient funds in the current County Counsel budget to cover these costs and thus no budget adjustment is required. It is also anticipated that the County Counsel's Office will finish the fiscal year with a savings from the approved budget amount.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Prentice Long Amend #2](#)
[Amendment #2 - Prentice Long, PC](#)