



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 3.2

MEETING DATE: 08/12/2025

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Barbara Thompson

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Henie Ring

SUBJECT:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - E. COLIO WARREN

1. Adopt Resolution approving an amendment to the legal services agreement with Prentice Long, updating the designation of County Counsel; and
2. Approve Amendment #1 to master contract with Prentice Long for County Counsel Services, appointing Gregory P. Priamos as County Counsel, as an independent contractor, effective August 12, 2025, and decreasing the compensation amount of the contract to a fixed rate of \$91,000.00, and authorize Chair to sign.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 160

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Amendment No. 1:

The Board is requested to execute Amendment No. 1 to master contract with Prentice Long for County Counsel Services, appointing Gregory P. Priamos as County Counsel, as an independent contractor, effective August 12, 2025, and decreasing the compensation due under the contract to a fixed rate of \$91,000.

Background:

As the Board is aware, Prentice Long was retained to provide County Counsel services effective July 1, 2023, and the Board appointed David Prentice as County Counsel. A new contract with Prentice Long was entered into on August 1, 2024 for services as County Counsel. This current contract has a term

until July 30, 2028, with a 90 day cancellation clause.

David Prentice has indicated his desire to retire as County Counsel effective upon appointment of new County Counsel. The firm has conducted an extensive outreach of potential attorneys to serve as County Counsel for San Benito County.

The firm is pleased and honored to have Gregory P. Priamos join the firm for the purposes of serving as San Benito County Counsel, subject to the Board's approval of this contract. This amendment will appoint Gregory Priamos as San Benito County Counsel.

Mr. Priamos served as Riverside County Counsel from 2014 through 2022, serving as Chief Legal Advisor to the County of Riverside, and leading a staff of 88, including 66 attorneys.

Prior to serving as County Counsel, Mr. Priamos served as the City Attorney for the City of Riverside from 2001 through 2014, the largest municipal law office in Riverside County.

Mr. Priamos' other experiences include, but are not limited to, a litigation background with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, serving serving as a legal consultant to the Office of General Counsel of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians/Agua Caliente Tribal Court, and extensive professional activities (only a small number of which are included below), including serving on the Board of Directors of the County Counsels Association of California, the President of the City Attorney's Department, League of California Cities, and on the Board of Directors of the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA), as well as serving as Chair of various professional committees (including on subjects of Public Records, Legal Advocacy, Ethics, and Conflicts of Interest).

Contract Savings:

Additionally, the amendment will decrease contract expenditures. Contract expenditures have been averaging approximately \$95,000 per month. This amendment decreases the contract to a fixed rate of \$91,000/month by eliminating a 2% administrative charge, and travel to/from San Benito County. Only travel conducted for official county business (not to/from the County) will still be reimbursable. Because of these changes, the amendment will decrease contract expenses by approximately 4.2%/month.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

An RFP for County Counsel services was issued in 2023, and Prentice Long was the highest scoring respondent out of three firms. The Board amended the contract in 2024, entering into the new contract which is being amended today.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

91,000/month +2% admin fee + travel expenses.

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

The original agreement was effective July 1, 2023, and a new contract was entered into on August 1, 2024. This is the first amendment of the August 1, 2024 agreement.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

No

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

County Counsel's Budget 101.25.1210.1000.619.210

CURRENT FY COST:

\$91,000/month (plus expenses)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution - Prentice Long Representation](#)

[Amendment #1 - Prentice Long - County Counsel Services](#)