

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 2, 2026

AGENDA NO. 13

PROPOSAL: Amend Contract with Outside Legal Counsel

SYNOPSIS: This action is to amend a contract for legal counsel for specialized, environmental, and other matters.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, September 11, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Authorize the Chair to amend a contract with legal counsel handling legal matters as the need arises.

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Executive Officer

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Background

Legal's FY 2026-27 Budget includes funds for Professional and Special Services, including for litigation expenses in environmental law, specialized legal areas, and other litigation. South Coast AQMD uses outside counsel for a variety of services as needs arise, including bringing and defending lawsuits, handling legal proceedings, providing legal advice and other matters.

Proposal

In order to continue ongoing litigation, and continue other legal work, it is sometimes necessary to amend contracts with outside counsel handling existing matters, pre-qualified counsel approved by the Board, and with specialized legal counsel and services. Legal has a need to amend an existing contract with Kendall Brill & Kelly LLP and is recommending that the Chair approve contract amendments, as long as sufficient funds remain in Legal's FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28 Professional and Special Services fund.

Resource Impacts

Sufficient funds are available in Legal's FY 2026-27 Budget.