

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer  
By: Bekki Riggan, Principal Management Analyst  
DATE: June 8, 2010  
SUBJECT: Contract Amendment - Placer Dispute Resolution Services

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**Action Requested**

Your Board is requested to approve and sign a two-year contract extension with Placer Dispute Resolution Service (PDRS) for the provision of community-based mediation services from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012 totaling \$145,800.

**Background**

The Dispute Resolution Programs Act of 1986 provided for the establishment and funding of informal and voluntary dispute resolution services to individuals, business groups, public agencies and other organizations in Placer County and function as alternatives for resolving conflicts outside of the formal judicial system.

On June 22, 2004, the Board of Supervisors awarded RFP No. 9311 to Placer Dispute Resolution Service (PDRS) and approved a contract in the amount of \$130,000 for a 2-year contract. In June 2006, this contract was extended for an additional two years to June 30, 2008.

In April 2008, Placer County Procurement authorized an exemption to the competitive RFP for this professional services contract based on Purchasing Policy Manual, Section 1.3 (a) that allows for an exception when specialized knowledge or expertise on the part of the consultant is required. Accordingly, a new contract was entered into with PDRS for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$145,800.

This current contract with PDRS expires on June 30, 2010. The contract allows for two additional 2-year extensions. The County Executive Office recommends your Board authorize and sign the first of those extensions.

**Fiscal Impact**

The two-year contract extension with Placer Dispute Resolution Service for \$145,000 from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012 contains no increase from the previous contract. Funding is made available through an \$8 surcharge for each first paper filed in civil court actions which fully funds the Dispute Resolution Program and the County's allowable administrative costs of 20%; there are no County General Funds associated with this action.

**CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR previously entered into Contract # 12617 commencing on July 1, 2008 and terminating on June 30, 2010, and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR desire to formally amend said Agreement to extend the time frame for the services to be provided herein, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Agreement is amended as follows:

Paragraph 3, page 2 is hereby amended from \$145,800 to \$291,600, an increase not to exceed \$145,800 (\$72,900 per year).

Paragraph 4, page 2 that reads, "In accordance with DRPA section 469, the County shall use 10 percent of the funds available through DRPA distributions..." is hereby amended to read "County shall use 20 percent of the funds available through DRPA distributions..."

Paragraph 5.1, page 2 that reads, "This Agreement is effective for services beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2010" is hereby amended to read, "ending June 30, 2012", an extension of two years.

This amendment is effective July 1, 2010.

In all other respects, except for the above-stated amendments, the original Agreement terms remain in full force and effect. These documents and any attachments hereto, constitute the entire understanding between the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR concerning the subject matter contained herein.

**WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement as of the day and year first above stated:

**CONTRACTOR:**

**COUNTY OF PLACER:**

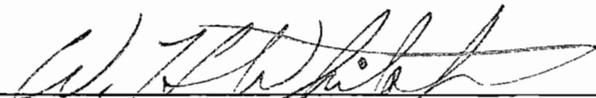


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Brian Vizzusi, President

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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Herb Whitaker, Corporate Secretary

Approved as to form:  
Office of Placer County Counsel

Date: 5/4/10

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Placer County Counsel

Date: \_\_\_\_\_