



# MEMORANDUM

from the office of  
PLACER COUNTY COUNSEL  
Extension 4044

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Gerald O. Carden, County Counsel

**DATE:** February 4, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Professional Services Contract No. 60615 for Legal Services Related to the Placer County Conservation Plan

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## ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the Amendment to Contract No. 60615 for professional legal services provided by Resources Law Group, LLC, for the necessary legal services related to the development of the Placer County Conservation Plan. The Amendment would increase the total contract amount by an additional \$100,000.

## BACKGROUND:

In August 1999, the Board retained Michael Mantell, of Beverage & Diamond to lead the effort to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan and natural Communities Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) for the County. This plan has since expanded and evolved and is now referred to as the Placer County Conservation Plan ("PCCP"). Mr. Mantell subsequently formed his own law firm, Resources Law Group in March, 2000, and that firm has continued with this work since that time.

On October 8, 2013, the Community Development/Resource Agency ("CDRA") provided your Board with an update on the PCCP. The PCCP is intended to provide 50 years of compliance with the Federal and State Endangered Species Acts, Sections 404 and 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act and Section 1600 of the State Fish and Game Code. As outlined to your Board in October, this year will involve the completion of many critical tasks in the PCCP program, including the projected release of the DEIR/EIS and public circulation of the PCCP policy document. There continue to be many complex legal tasks to be achieved in the coming year with which this office anticipates the Resources Law Group will assist. These tasks include the completion of an MOU between the participating agencies and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, preparation of implementation, administrative and governance agreements and structuring of an in-lieu fee program and continued interaction with the federal and state agencies.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The \$100,000 increase in the total contract amount is included in this office's 2013-14 fiscal year budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Chair to execute an amendment to Contract No. 60615, approving an increase of \$100,000.