

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 22, 2012

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Ron Briggs, Chair, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

**AGENDA ITEM #3D: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH BEST,
BEST & KRIEGER**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the attached Amendment and Restated Agreement with Best, Best & Krieger.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION AND BACKGROUND

In August 2004, El Dorado LAFCO contracted with the firm Best, Best & Krieger (BB&K) to provide general counsel services. The BB&K contract was amended on March 23, 2011 to reflect updated rates for general and specialized counsel. This Amendment and Restated Agreement is to increase the specialized counsel hourly rate from \$230 to \$250.

It is not expected that this change in hourly rate should significantly affect LAFCO's costs. Specialized counsel services are mostly generated by difficult planning or environmental questions related to projects or potential projects. Consequently, staff bills these charges directly to applicants at the time of final billing, so the costs for these services are eventually recovered. The one specialized counsel services costs that are irretrievable are those relating to labor questions; however, those are very few in number and rare in occurrence.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Amended and Restated Agreement to Provide Legal Services to the El Dorado Local Agency formation Commission