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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Caryn Fagundes for Mark Gregersen - Director
Human Resources
REPORT BY: Caryn Fagundes, Benefits Administrator, 253-4488
SUBJECT: Bragg contract Amendment

RECOMMENDATION

Human Resources Director requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6553 with Gregory B. Bragg & Associates, Inc. amending the Scope of Work to authorize the firm to engage legal counsel at the direction of Napa County through its Human Resources Director for the purpose of litigating workers' compensation claims.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Amendment to the contract would authorize the workers' compensation third party administrator, Gregory B. Bragg & Associates to engage in legal counsel at the direction of the County of Napa for the purpose of litigating workers' compensation claims pursuant to Government Code Section 31000.8.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract between the County of Napa and Gregory B. Bragg & Associates for workers' compensation third party administration services. Section XI "Litigated Cases" states Gregory B. Bragg & Associates shall assign legal counsel from a list approved by Napa County's Board of Supervisors. The recommended action will authorize the claims administrator at the direction of Napa County to engage legal counsel from a list approved by the Human Resources Director, or his designee. By approving this contract Amendment the County will be able to respond quickly to complicated workers' compensation claims by assigning legal counsel.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey