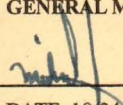
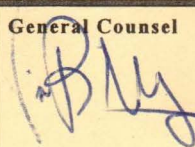
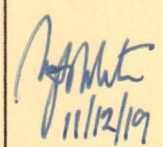
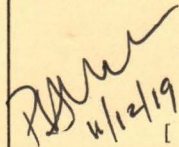




EXECUTIVE DECISION DOCUMENT

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:  11/13/19		GENERAL MANAGER ACTION REQ'D:		
DATE: 10/24/2019		BOARD INITIATED ITEM: No		
Originator/Prepared by: Debora Faniel Huff Dept: Office of the General Counsel	General Counsel  11/8/19 []	Controller/Treasurer  11/12/19 []	District Secretary []	BARC  11/12/19 []

Amendment to Legal Services Agreement with Renne Public Law Group

PURPOSE: To request that the Board of Directors approve an increase in funding for the Renne Public Law Group for the appeal of a CalPERS finding that an independent contractor is entitled to service credit.

DISCUSSION: The firm of Renne Public Law Group currently represents the District in this appeal of a CalPERS fine related to the award of service credit to an individual who worked for the District as a contractor. The law firm of Renne Public Law Group was initially retained in 2018. The firm was chosen following discussions with three (3) firms and it was determined that Renne Public Law Group had the most experience in handling these types of matters and handled a substantially similar matter in the past. As a result, it was determined that Renne Public Law Group provided the best value.

The hearing of this matter is concluded; however, the matter still needs significant briefing and, depending upon the ruling, additional appeals, including a potential appeal to the superior courts. It is recommended that Renne Public Law Group which has significant experience in such matters and has been responsible for this matter from the outset continue representation through the conclusion of this matter.

FISCAL IMPACT: The value of the legal services agreement to date from FY 18 - 19 is \$165,000. This action would be funded by existing operating funds as needed for continued representation on this matter, estimated to be an additional \$75,000. Funding will be budgeted in Human Resources' operating budget (Dept. 0502420, Account 681352 Legal Fees) for FY 2020. This action is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on unprogrammed District reserves in the current fiscal year.

ALTERNATIVES: To not authorize this amendment to Renne would result in Renne Public Law Group's withdrawal and result in additional costs of outside counsel.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the following motion.

MOTION: That the Board approves the amendment of this agreement with Renne Public Law Group to continue its representation of the District to handle the Adverse CalPERS Appeal matter and as required to complete representation of the District in this matter.