

# County Counsel



## RECOMMENDED BUDGET & STAFFING SUMMARY & BUDGET PROGRAMS CHART

Operating	\$ 9,374,400
Capital	\$ 0
FTEs	42.0

Michael Ghizzoni  
County Counsel

Legal Services

# County Counsel

## Department

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### *MISSION STATEMENT*

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By statute, County Counsel is the legal adviser to the Board of Supervisors. We advance and defend the County's civil policies and actions by: looking ahead; advising and providing options; and litigating. We work closely with the Board of Supervisors and other County Officers to maintain the civil legal integrity of the County of Santa Barbara.

### *DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION*

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We defend or prosecute all civil litigation in which the County, or its officers or employees in their official capacities, are parties. This regularly includes: federal civil rights and state tort cases; "dependency" actions to protect minor children; property tax assessment appeals; land use actions; statutory financial cases, by or against the Auditor-Controller or Treasurer; defense against State audits; mental health commitments and conservatorships; cases involving contracts; employment cases; and motions and writs for the Sheriff's Office.

We provide civil legal advice and services to: the Board of Supervisors, other County Officers, Departments, Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Special Districts. This legal advice involves many subjects, including: land use, public works, real property, contracts, public safety, regulatory, financial, elections, social services, housing, healthcare and personnel.

All of this advances the County's public service objectives, while helping to protect the County from loss and risk.

### *HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018-19 OBJECTIVES*

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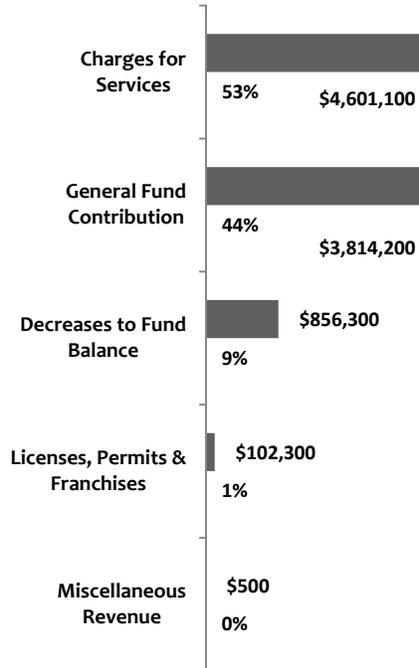
- Litigate: 1) \$3.8 billion of property tax assessment appeals, where the potential "1%" tax impact for the General Fund and Fire totals about \$9.5 million; 2) \$8.9 million of costs disallowed by State Medi-Cal audits; 3) class action lawsuit about the Main Jail's "conditions of confinement;" 4) 46 other civil rights, tort, employment, property rights, and "land use" cases, with 5 already set for trial; 5) \$1.3 million case against Plains for the County's damages remaining from the Refugio Oil Spill; and 6) weekly court calendars of conservatorships and child protection cases.
- Legal support, concurrently, to major programs: 1) long-term Thomas Fire disaster recovery; 2) cannabis regulation and taxation; 3) three "Groundwater Sustainability Plans;" 4) potential extension of the State Water Supply Agreement; and 5) cost-saving options for pension costs and "Renew '22" service deliveries.
- Legal support, concurrently, to more than \$245 million of capital projects: 1) Northern Branch Jail; 2) Revised Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project; 3) Main Jail "conditions of confinement" improvements; 4) Laguna County Sanitation District Master Plan; and 5) new storm water diversion system at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station.

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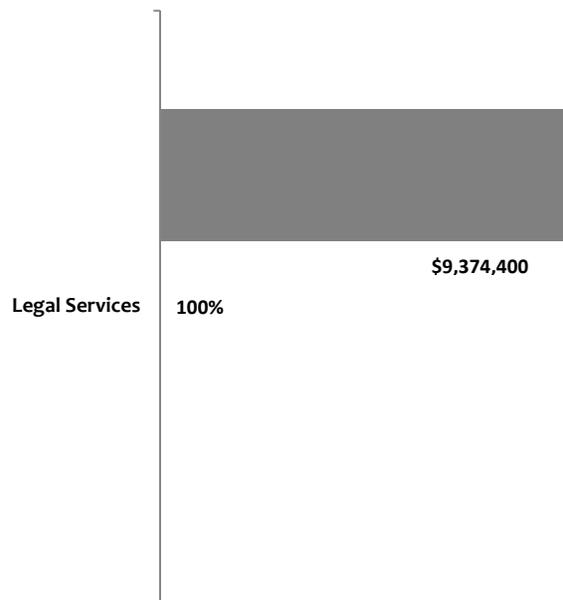
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### RECOMMENDED SOURCES & USES OF FUNDS

#### Source of Funds - \$9,374,400

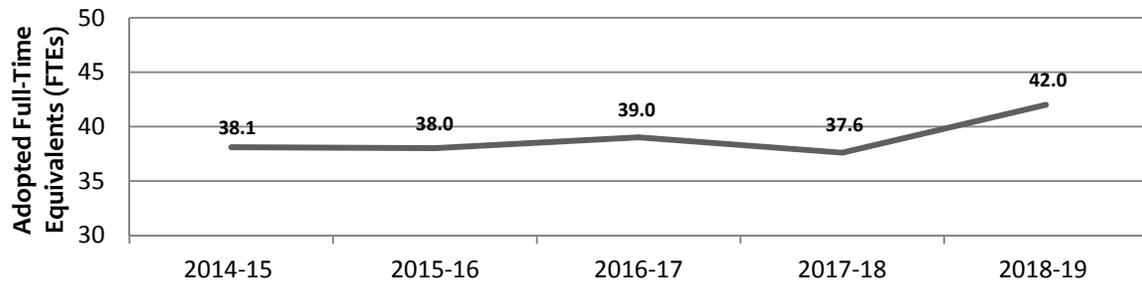


#### Use of Funds - \$9,374,400



### STAFFING TREND

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### BUDGET OVERVIEW

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Adopted	2017-18 Estimated Actual	2018-19 Recommended	Change From FY17-18 Ado to FY18-19 Rec
Legal Services	38.00	37.65	37.65	42.00	4.35
Total	38.00	37.65	37.65	42.00	4.35
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<b>Budget By Budget Program</b>					
Legal Services	\$ 7,694,856	\$ 8,343,867	\$ 8,443,200	\$ 9,374,400	\$ 1,030,533
Total	\$ 7,694,856	\$ 8,343,867	\$ 8,443,200	\$ 9,374,400	\$ 1,030,533
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<b>Budget By Categories of Expenditures</b>					
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 7,095,283	\$ 7,641,091	\$ 7,749,800	\$ 8,645,600	\$ 1,004,509
Services and Supplies	425,789	507,757	500,100	514,400	6,643
Other Charges	173,784	195,019	193,300	214,400	19,381
Total Operating Expenditures	7,694,856	8,343,867	8,443,200	9,374,400	1,030,533
Fund Balance Impact (+)	654,249	-	119,100	-	-
Total	\$ 8,349,105	\$ 8,343,867	\$ 8,562,300	\$ 9,374,400	\$ 1,030,533
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<b>Budget By Categories of Revenues</b>					
Licenses, Permits and Franchises	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102,300	\$ 102,300
Charges for Services	4,409,346	4,350,460	4,341,100	4,601,100	250,640
Miscellaneous Revenue	693	500	300	500	-
Total Operating Revenues	4,410,039	4,350,960	4,341,400	4,703,900	352,940
Decreases to Fund Balances	278,150	250,000	478,000	856,300	606,300
General Fund Contribution	3,660,916	3,742,907	3,742,900	3,814,200	71,293
Total	\$ 8,349,105	\$ 8,343,867	\$ 8,562,300	\$ 9,374,400	\$ 1,030,533

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*CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2017-18 ADOPTED TO 2018-19 RECOMMENDED*

### Staffing

- For FY 18/19, there will be a 4.35 FTE increase in staffing. This comes from:
  - Through the remaining 10 months of one-time funds, continuing to assign 2 additional attorneys to the surge of defined “complex case” property tax assessment appeals that are discussed in more detail within “2017-18 Anticipated Accomplishments;”
  - Through two-year, one-time funds, adding 1 additional attorney to support the long-term Thomas Fire disaster recovery;
  - Through recurring funding, adding 1 additional attorney to support cannabis permitting, licensing and enforcement;
  - Through recurring funding, adding 1 additional Legal Office Professional to support attorneys providing legal support to General Fund functions; and
  - Deleting other fractional FTE.

### Expenditures

- Net operating expenditure increase of +\$1,031,000 due to:
  - +1,004,500 increase in Salaries and Employee Benefits due to increases in retirement costs, health insurance costs and employee salaries, including from the 4.35 FTE increase in staffing that is discussed in more detail above.
  - +\$6,600 in Services and Supplies.
  - +\$19,400 in Other Charges.

These changes result in Recommended operating expenditures of \$9,374,400 and non-operating expenditures of \$0.

### Revenues

- Net operating revenue increase of +\$353,000. The following Charges for Services accounts were affected;
  - -\$9,700 decrease in Legal Services to Other Funds due to an expected decrease in overall Risk billings.
  - +\$102,300 increase in revenue from Cannabis permitting and enforcement.
  - +\$205,500 increase in Legal Services other than Risk Management.
  - +\$54,800 in Other Services.
- Net non-operating revenue increase of \$678,000 due to:
  - +\$606,700 increase in Decreases to Committed fund balances.
  - +\$71,300 increase in Ongoing General Fund to fund 1 Legal Office Professional.

These changes result in Recommended operating revenues for FY2018-19 of \$4,703,900 and non-operating revenues of \$4,670,500, resulting in total revenues of \$9,374,400. Non-operating revenues primarily include General Fund Contribution, transfers, and Decreases to Committed fund balances.

### RELATED LINKS

For more information on the County Counsel’s Office, refer to the Web site at <http://countyofsb.org/counsel/>

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### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Description	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Actual	FY 2017-18 Estimated Actual	FY 2018-19 Recommend
The percentage of litigated cases which resolve at 85% or less than the amount reserved by Risk: Target=85%.	96% 22/23	85% 17/20	94% 30/32	94% 30/32
The percentage of litigated cases resolved without payment to plaintiff: Target=60%.	68% 13/19	67% 20/30	73% 22/30	73% 22/30
Percent of departmental Employee Performance Reviews (EPRs) completed by the due date.	84% 31/37	97% 36/37	90% 35/39	100% 39/39

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## Program

### LEGAL SERVICES

Through this single Budget Program, the Office of County Counsel: 1) provides civil law legal advice to statutory clients, including the Board of Supervisors; and 2) defends or prosecutes all civil litigation in which the County, or its officers or employees in their official capacities, are parties.

### Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Adopted	2017-18 Estimated Actual	2018-19 Recommended	Change From FY17-18 Ado to FY18-19 Rec
COUNTY COUNSEL	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
CHIEF ASST COUNTY COUNSEL	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
CHIEF DEPUTY	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL SR	11.42	12.00	12.00	13.00	1.00
DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL SR-RES	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL	10.58	10.50	10.50	13.00	2.50
BUSINESS MANAGER	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
LEGAL OFFICE PRO	0.62	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
COMPUTER SYSTEMS SPEC	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
LEGAL OFFICE PRO SR-RES	9.38	8.15	8.15	8.00	(0.15)
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### LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

#### 2017-18 Anticipated Accomplishments

United Launch Alliance (ULA) property tax assessment appeals: ULA is a joint venture for space launch activities, with significant taxable property at Vandenberg Air Force Base. For tax years 2007-2013, ULA's total valuation dispute with the County Assessor was about \$3.04 billion, where ULA's opinion of value totaled only about \$619 million. Following several years of litigation, the Assessment Appeals Board approved a stipulation in January 2018, through which the taxable value for tax years 2007-2013 totaled about \$2.53 billion:

- From the about 1% property tax on this stipulated valuation: 1) the one-time share for the County General Fund is about \$4.8 million; 2) the one-time share for the County Fire Protection District is another about \$1.5 million; and 3) the remainder goes to other taxing entities, primarily education.
- In Summer 2017, the Assessment Appeals Board had previously ruled -- for the Assessor -- that ULA's taxable possessory interests at Space Launch Complexes 2, 3 and 6 had "escaped proper assessment as a result of ULA's concealment and failure to contemporaneously furnish required information" about change of ownership issues. (Underlining added.) We believe that this ruling was a significant factor in resolving the disputed values for 2007-2013.
- For the remaining tax years of 2014-2017, the assessed value disputes total about \$1.08 billion. New Base Year Values established by the January 2018 stipulation should streamline resolution of valuation disputes for tax years 2014-2017. Ongoing.

Progress resolving the surge of defined "complex case" property tax assessment appeals: In 2016 and 2017, Clerk of the Board received a significant surge of these "complex cases," where the taxable value of the property on the assessment roll is \$30 million or more. Compared to the prior three-year average of 20 applications within 4 complex cases: 2016 had 256 applications within 19 complex cases; and 2017 had 118 applications within 15 complex cases. Defined complex cases need much more attorney support and many more hearing days than other assessment appeals. We expect to be working through these complex cases from 2016 and 2017 throughout FY 2018: 1) beginning in Fall 2017, we assigned two additional attorneys to these cases, full-time; and 2) working closely with Assessor's staff, we are on track to resolve all complex cases from 2016 and 2017 within their statutory two-year deadlines; this included obtaining litigated dismissals of appeals involving the Bacara Hotel and HVI Cat Canyon, LLC (Greką). We will not know until December 2018 whether the significant increases in complex cases that occurred in both 2016 and 2017 will occur again in 2018. Ongoing.

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### LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

#### 2017-18 Anticipated Accomplishments (Cont'd)

Thomas Fire disaster recovery: Throughout most of January and February 2018, many of our attorneys regularly worked 7-day workweeks so that we could provide legal support to urgent disaster recovery operations. This included: 1) the frequent contracting support necessary to both get resources on the ground right away; and to protect the County later with reimbursements and within audits; and 2) the “Urgency Ordinance” package through which the County quickly obtained “direct federal assistance,” before the next rain event, to clear clogged stream channels downstream of the Thomas Fire. After the Board of Supervisors adopted this Urgency Ordinance package, we met in person with federal auditors, who summarized that this framework for urgent channel clearing was a reasonable approach to emergency response and procurement. As of May 2018, we still are meeting the ongoing need for legal support of disaster recovery initiatives only by: 1) heavy “overtime-exempt overtime,” but with less frequent 7-day workweeks; and 2) department-level “triage,” that prioritizes support to disaster recovery; this is not sustainable, longer-term, without more legal resources and/or broader “holds” for some discretionary projects. CEO’s Recommended Budget includes two years of one-time funds for an additional Deputy County Counsel IV to support long-term disaster recovery operations; this would allow adequate legal support for disaster recovery operations without us needing to seek broader “holds” for discretionary projects. Ongoing.

Cannabis regulation and taxation: After substantial changes in State law, we provided fast and extensive attorney support for the County’s creation of a cannabis regulation and taxation program, including: 1) zoning regulations; 2) a business license ordinance; and 3) a tax measure for the June 2018 primary election.

Guadalupe Dunes lease termination agreement: We provided legal support to complex transactions involving the Shell Guadalupe Dune Gravel Remediation In-Lieu Proposal Project, and through which the County: 1) terminated leases at Guadalupe Dunes County Park, which had supported oil and gas operations; 2) agreed to leave in place about 19 acres of road base gravel; and 3) received \$3 million of mitigation funds, to acquire at least about 57 acres of property for “public recreation” or “open space” purposes.

State audits of County Medi-Cal programs: Continued litigation of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 06/07-13/14 audits, which initially totaled more than \$9.8 million of disallowed County costs. For Public Health SFY 10/11, we litigated recovery of another about \$134,000 through writ practice; this was in addition to the about \$731,000 of litigated recovery that we reported last year for Behavioral Wellness SFY 08/09. Ongoing.

“Camp 4” Memorandum of Agreement: Provided extensive attorney support during the County’s negotiations with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, which yielded a Memorandum of Agreement that: 1) includes an express waiver of sovereign immunity by the Tribe; 2) requires the Tribe to comply with express land use mitigation measures for Camp 4; 3) resolved the County’s “fee-to-trust” litigation concerning Camp 4; and 4) was approved by the Department of the Interior.

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### LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

#### 2017-18 Anticipated Accomplishments (Cont'd)

We continued to support weekly court calendars and regular litigation for: 1) “probate” conservatorships; 2) “LPS” mental health conservatorships; and 3) child protection actions. With child protection cases, we prevailed in all 7 writs and appeals at the Court of Appeal.

Other litigation since March 1, 2017 included:

- Successfully resolved 24 civil rights and tort liability cases for a total payout of less than \$430,000, where 16 of those cases were resolved with no County payout, including through motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment. Prevailed in the *Shafer* “use of force” case, where the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals: 1) found that the Deputy Sheriff was entitled to “qualified immunity;” 2) reversed and vacated the jury verdict and damages award, which totaled about \$397,000; and 3) clarified that law enforcement officers are entitled to use some degree of force when there is probable cause to arrest for resisting, delaying, or obstructing a law enforcement officer. This “published” case is precedent for both “qualified immunity” and “use of force” issues.
- Prevailed in 3 other “land use” cases:
  - *San Lucas Ranch*: In this litigation challenging the County’s actions regarding the “Camp 4” Memorandum of Agreement, we successfully opposed two *ex parte* applications for temporary restraining orders, which sought to prevent the Board from: 1) first, even voting on the Memorandum of Agreement; and 2) later, implementing that Memorandum of Agreement. The Court of Appeal denied a writ petition by San Lucas Ranch, LLC, which had sought appellate review of the Superior Court’s order that denied the second *ex parte* application for a temporary restraining order. San Lucas Ranch ultimately dismissed its litigation.
  - *Rose*: The County successfully demurred in litigation between Rancho Cuerno Largo property owners, and the case was later dismissed.
  - *Zoom Properties*: The County prevailed when the Superior Court upheld the Board’s adoption of the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan.
- Economically resolved 3 more of the workers’ compensation “tail claim” cases that remained under the County’s self-insured workers’ compensation program for injuries occurring before July 2010. (Effective July 2010, the County replaced this self-insured program with insurance through CSAC-EIA’s Primary Workers’ Compensation Program.) Those 3 settlements freed up about \$281,400 of Risk Management’s reserves. Only 2 more of these workers’ compensation “tail claim” cases remain, which we will seek to economically resolve during FY 2018-19. Ongoing.

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### *LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)*

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- 2015 Refugio Oil Spill: Filed litigation in U.S. District Court against Plains Pipeline, L.P. and its related entities. This case seeks recovery of the County's remaining damages from the Refugio Oil Spill, beyond the about \$2.0 million that Plains paid for the County's "removal costs" and "increased costs of government services." Ongoing.
- Venoco's "New Line 96: "Through coordination with the State Fire Marshal, General Services and Planning and Development, we implemented Board direction to mitigate this environmental risk by using litigation to compel: 1) Venoco to "de-inventory" about 71,400 gallons of crude oil that was stranded in it 8-1/2 mile long New Line 96; and 2) payment by the franchise surety of its \$100,000 bond. Ongoing.

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### LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

#### 2018-19 Objectives

Continue to provide timely and effective legal support to the long-term Thomas Fire disaster recovery: We expect that the County's disaster recovery operations will continue to need a heavy amount of legal support throughout all of FY 2018-19. During late February 2018 we began to see a transition in the type of work requiring legal support: from support of urgent operations, such as clearing clogged stream channels before more rain; to support of longer-term issues with permitting and rebuilding. As of May 2018, we still are meeting the ongoing need for legal support of disaster recovery initiatives only by: 1) heavy "overtime-exempt overtime," but with less frequent 7-day workweeks; and 2) department-level "triage," that prioritizes support to disaster recovery; this is not sustainable, longer-term, without more legal resources and/or broader "holds" for some discretionary projects. CEO's Recommended Budget includes two years of one-time funds for an additional Deputy County Counsel IV to support long-term disaster recovery operations; this would allow adequate legal support for disaster recovery operations without us needing to seek broader "holds" for discretionary projects.

Litigate property tax assessment appeals, to protect about \$3.8 billion of "assessed value," including:

- United Launch Alliance (ULA): For the remaining disputed years 2014-2017, ULA's total valuation dispute with the County Assessor is about \$1.08 billion, for a potential one-time about 1% property tax alone of about \$10.8 million: 1) the potential one-time share for the County General Fund is about \$2.1 million; 2) the potential one-time share for the County Fire Protection District is about another \$648,000; and 3) the remainder would go to other taxing entities, primarily education.
- ERG Operating Company, and its related entities: For the disputed years 2015-2017, ERG's total valuation dispute with the County Assessor is about \$826 million, for a potential one-time about 1% property tax alone of about \$8.3 million: 1) the potential one-time share for the County General Fund is about \$1.6 million; 2) the potential one-time share for the County Fire Protection District is about another \$496,000; and 3) the remainder would go to other taxing entities, primarily education.
- Exxon Corporation, and its related entities (\$353 million of total valuation dispute) and SpaceX (\$305 million of total valuation dispute).

State audits of County Medi-Cal programs by Behavioral Wellness and Public Health: We expect that further litigation will be ongoing throughout FY 2018-19, where we seek to recover the remaining about \$8.9 million of disallowed County costs for SFY 06/07-13/14.

Provide legal support to "Renew '22's" consideration of the County's delivery of services with available resources: Over the next several years this will likely require significant legal analysis of: 1) "mandatory" versus "discretionary" County services; 2) potential changes in how the County delivers some services; and 3) potential cost-saving options for personnel and pension costs.

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### LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

#### 2018-19 Objectives (Con't)

Northern Branch Jail Project: Construction has begun, and anticipated construction completion is March 2019. Because of the State's notification and/or concurrence requirements involving AB900 bond financing, legal support will continue to be more complicated for this project than for non-AB900 projects. We expect to see a sustained, heavy demand for legal support throughout the next two years for: 1) supporting the 9 separate contracts within this project (2 State agreements; separate contracts for onsite construction and offsite construction; and 5 consultant agreements [construction management; architect; project expert; Inspector of Record; and testing and special inspections]); 2) construction "change orders;" 3) any construction claims, litigation, closeouts and audits; and 4) related to opening the Northern Branch Jail, services contracts and Northern Branch Jail policies and procedures.

Revised Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project: Continue to provide extensive and time-critical legal support for the public financing components of this project that will use conversion technology to extend the life of the Tajiguas Landfill.

Laguna County Sanitation District Wastewater Reclamation Plant Facilities Master Plan: We expect to review project documents and -- if approved by the Board of Directors -- public financing; bidding; contracts; and construction.

Continue to provide legal support following the 2015 Refugio Oil Spill in order to: 1) resolve litigation that the County filed against Plains in December 2017, for the County's about \$1.3 million of damages remaining from the Refugio Oil Spill; and 2) advance the County's role in the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process.

Defend the County and its employees in federal civil rights and state tort litigation, including:

- Four cases already set for trial before March 2019: *Keller* (alleges that the dangerous condition of a County road caused the collision that left Plaintiff paralyzed); *Morales* (alleges that the dangerous condition of a County park caused a child to be struck by a falling tree branch); *Stoianova* (alleges that negligence by a County employee caused a rear-end traffic collision); and *Beveridge* (alleges that the dangerous condition of a County Flood Control structure caused flooding, property damage, and personal injuries)
- *Murray*: Disability Rights California's federal class action lawsuit alleging unconstitutional "conditions of confinement" at the Main Jail.

Defend the County in state court "land use" and property rights litigation, including:

- "Inverse condemnation" lawsuits for damages, including one set for trial in July 2018 (*Barrett*, alleging the failure of a County storm drain damaged two bluff-top private properties).
- Writ petitions challenging County land use decisions, including: 3558 *Sagunto Street* (seeking to enjoin the County from applying a Development Plan); *Gaviota Coast Conservancy* (challenging approval of the Revised

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### LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

#### 2018-19 Objectives (Cont'd)

Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project); Rancho La Laguna (challenging denial of a 13-lot subdivision project); and Young America's Foundation (challenging approval of the Gaviota Coast Plan).

Continue to reduce the County's self-insured liability for workers' compensation "tail claims," for injuries occurring before July 2010, by economically resolving the 2 remaining litigated cases.

Provide legal support to the Board of Supervisors and County staff about significant "land use," "water quality" and "water" issues, including:

- Cannabis regulation, taxation and enforcement.
- Consideration of: 1) Advanced Meter Ordinance Amendments; 2) Agricultural Tiered Permitting Project; 3) Coastal Resiliency Project; 4) Hoop Structure Ordinance Amendments; and 5) Categorical Exclusion for Agricultural Development in the Coastal Zone.
- Resource Recovery Division's implementation of a new stormwater diversion system at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station.
- Negotiations for renewal of the Water Service Contract between the County Water Agency and the United States Bureau of Reclamation -- the "Cachuma Project" -- which otherwise expires in 2020.
- Preparation of required planning and actions under the 2014 "Sustainable Groundwater Management Act," including: 1) the first "Groundwater Sustainability Plan" in Santa Barbara County is due for Cuyama Valley by January 31, 2020; and 2) Groundwater Sustainability Plans for San Antonio Creek Valley and Santa Ynez River Valley are due by January 31, 2022.
- The County's negotiations with the Department of Water Resources and Central Coast Water Authority, for a contract to reacquire 12,214 acre-feet of "Table A" water.
- Potential extension of the 1963 Water Supply Agreement between the State and the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. This would be complicated by 19 Water Supply Retention Agreements executed between 1983-1988, involving the Flood Control and Water Conservation District; and a Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement in 1991, between the Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the Central Coast Water Authority.
- The proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

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