



Item #15-10-23
Receive & File

SACOG Board of Directors

October 22, 2015

Contract for Legal Services

Issue: SACOG's outside legal counsel is merging.

Recommendation: This item is for receive and file. There will be no staff presentation.

Discussion: In April 2012, SACOG awarded a competitively bid contract to Miller & Owen for contract legal services. On October 1, 2015, SACOG's current contract legal counsel, Miller & Owen, merged with the firm of Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai, LLP. There are no increases in billable rates or changes in the attorneys assigned to SACOG. Christy Layton will continue to be SACOG's principal contact. Kirk Trost will continue to direct the work of contract attorneys in his capacity as in-house general counsel for SACOG.

Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai focuses on public agency law. Miller & Owen has subcontracted employment law questions to Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai for SACOG in the past, and staff has been very pleased with the quality of services received.

SACOG's contract with Miller & Owen expires in April 2017. Staff anticipates issuing an RFP in late 2016 for a new contract to start in May 2017.

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