

REPORT TO THE RDA SUCCESSOR AGENCY OVERSIGHT BOARD



DATE: March 1, 2017

TITLE: Approve First Amendment for Contract Agreement for the Continuation of Legal Services with Devaney Pate Morris and Cameron, LLP

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RECOMMENDATION

Approve and Authorize the Desert Hot Springs Agency Chair to execute a First Amendment for Contract Legal Services Agreement between the City of Desert Hot Springs Successor Agency Oversight Board and Devaney Pate Morris and Cameron, LLC.

BACKGROUND

In April of 2016 the Successor Agency staff recommended that the Oversight Board approve and continue the services with the existing Oversight Board attorney Barry Schultz and his new firm Devaney Pate Morris and Cameron, LLP. At that time the contract term of the Agreement for legal services was from April 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Schultz has been employed by the Oversight Board since the formation of this board.

Currently the board is very involved with the selling of the former Redevelopment Agency properties and the dissolution of the former Redevelopment Agency staff felt it beneficial to continue using the firm of Devaney Pate Morris and Cameron, in particular Mr. Schultz, because of his historical value and comprehensive work during this employment.

Eventually the County of Riverside will be taking over the "board requirements" from the local agencies, including the Oversight Board but until that does occur the Oversight Board will continue to need legal services.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Successor Agency has budgeted sufficient funding in the 2016-2017 and the 2017-2018 budget to cover the costs associated with legal services and will insure that the budget for 2018-2019 is sufficiently funded as well.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement By and Between the City of Desert Hot Springs Successor Agency Oversight Board and Devaney Pate Morris and Cameron, LLC.
2. Original Contract for Legal Services with Devaney Pate Morris and Cameron, LLP.