



SECOND AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT NUMBER F002008
WITH GOODIN, MACBRIDE, SQUERI & DAY,
LLP FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City Council Meeting
June 29, 2021

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BACKGROUND

- Following the 2017 Tubbs Fire and subsequent litigation filed against PG&E, the City joined with other local impacted public agencies and entered into a PSA with Goodin, MacBride, Squeri & Day, LLP (Goodin) for legal services in pursuit of regulatory reforms to address PG&E's responsibilities related to wildfire prevention, mitigation and recovery.
- Goodin are experts in the practice of regulatory law and have extensive experience representing clients before the CPUC related to gas and electric utility services.
- The cost of Goodin's work is shared among the participating public agencies.

BACKGROUND

- The City entered into the initial PSA on June 11, 2019, in the amount of \$40,000, with the scope of work providing for legal services in connection with regulatory requirements relating to various wildfire and de-energization proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).
- On January 16, 2020, the City entered into a First Amendment to the PSA increasing compensation by \$60,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$100,000 and amended the scope of services to include the 2019 Kincade Fire, PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program and related matters.

ANALYSIS

- Relevant proceedings are continuing before the CPUC
- Goodin's services have been helpful in ensuring that appropriate wildfire mitigation plans are in place, that PSPS procedures and protocols are improved to better address local community needs, and that PG&E is held to its responsibilities following utility-caused wildfires.
- The contract has been cost effective as the City shares much of the cost with other local governments for this legal representation and advice.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Attorney that the Council, by resolution, approve the Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Number F002008 with Goodin, MacBride, Squeri & Day, LLP in the amount of \$75,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$175,000 for continued legal services in connection with regulatory requirements relating to various wildfire and de-energization proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission.