

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed legal services agreement for outside counsel with the firm Downey Brand, LLP.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to enter into a contract with Downey Brand, LLP, for a not to exceed budget of \$300,000, for the purpose of representing the City in the following four cases:
 - a. Los Angeles Waterkeeper v. California State Water Resources Control Board, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) Case No. BS171009.
 - b. Los Angeles Waterkeeper v. California State Water Resources Control Board, et al., LASC Case No. BS171010.
 - c. Los Angeles Waterkeeper v. California State Water Resources Control Board, et al., LASC Case No. BS171011.
 - d. Los Angeles Waterkeeper v. California State Water Resources Control Board, et al., LASC Case No. BS171012.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement those instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None provided by the City Attorney. Neither the CAO, nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the retention of outside counsel in the litigation entitled Los Angeles Waterkeeper v. California State Water Resources Control Board, et al., LASC Case Nos. BS171009, BS171010, BS171011, and BS171012.)

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on January 22, 2018, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a report from the City Attorney dated December 18, 2017 relative to the retention of the law firm Downey Brand, LLP as outside counsel, under a legal services agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, to represent the City for four cases in the above-entitled matter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, and after consulting with its legal counsel during Closed Session, the Committee approved the City Attorney's recommendations relative to the retention of Downey Brand, LLP as outside counsel. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

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