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SBCAG STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Outside Counsel Services

MEETING DATE: April 21, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 5H

STAFF CONTACT: Martha Gibbs

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Professional Services with Oppenheimer Investigations Group for professional legal services for the term of April 18, 2022 to April 17, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.

DISCUSSION:

County Counsel's Office recommends use of an outside counsel firm to conduct an independent and impartial investigation concerning a specific matter in which an employee alleges a variety of complaints against SBCAG. Outside counsel will act as an investigator to gather facts and will provide a factual report consistent with the SBCAG Employee Handbook section 17.9 so that SBCAG can determine whether additional action is needed.

The recommended action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

ATTACHMENT:

- A. Agreement with Oppenheimer Investigations Group (web posting only)