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SUBJECT: Request to Conduct the Merit Hearing Regarding the Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.33 of the Marin County Code to Increase County Counsel Fees

Dear Supervisors,

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that your Board:

1. Conduct the Merit Hearing on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, on the proposed Ordinance amending section 3.33.010 of Chapter 3.33 of the Marin County Code to increase the hourly rate charged for County Counsel professional services rendered to any special districts or agencies from \$205.00 to \$220.00; and
2. At the close of the Merit Hearing, consider the passage of the fee increase.

SUMMARY: In furtherance of budget planning and to reflect the cost of providing the services, the County Counsel's office is requesting the increase in hourly fees to \$220.00. This amount is considerably less than customarily charged by private law firms and more accurately reflects our cost of providing these services. The last increase was in June, 2011.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: Increased revenue to 10013451/460610 (Counsel Fees) in the amount of approximately \$15,000.

REVIEWED BY:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Department of Finance	X	N/A
X	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	X	N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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