



Los Angeles
Department of
Water & Power

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD LETTER APPROVAL

BENJAMIN CHAPMAN
Assistant City Attorney
General Counsel

JANISSE QUIÑONES
Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer

DATE: September 16, 2024

SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement No. 47793 between the City of Los Angeles, acting by and through the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Everett Dorey, LLP.

SUMMARY

The Office of the City Attorney (City Attorney) requests approval of a First Amendment (Amendment) to the existing outside counsel Agreement No. 47793 (Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles (City) acting by and through the City Attorney, LADWP and Everett Dorey, LLP (Everett Dorey), to assist the City Attorney in legal advice and representation in the evaluation, management, defense and disposition of claims for damage and lawsuits related to personal injury, emotional distress, wrongful death, toxic torts, wildfires, and related matters to LADWP.

The Amendment adds \$3,000,000 for an aggregate budget of \$3,700,000. The term of the Agreement, commencing on May 10, 2023 and terminating May 9, 2026 shall not change with the Amendment.

City Council approval is not required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) adopt the attached Resolution authorizing execution of the Amendment with the law firm of Everett Dorey.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The proposed Amendment is \$3,000,000 for a total appropriation of \$3,700,000. Everett Dorey's billing schedule is \$310 for Partners, \$240 for Associates, and \$120 for Paralegals. Outside Counsel presented no conflicts of interest in representing the City and/or LADWP.

The First Amendment will not change the scope of legal services provided by Everett Dorey or the term of the Agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Determine item is exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). In accordance with this section, General Exemptions apply in situations where it can be seen with reasonable certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, approving this Agreement is not subject to CEQA.

CITY ATTORNEY

The Office of the City Attorney reviewed and approved the Amendment and Resolution as to form and legality.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Amendment