### MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: July 27, 2010 AGENDA NO:

**SUBJECT:** Monterey County General Plan Update:

- a. Re-authorize expenditure of an additional amount not to exceed a total of \$70,000 for the services of The Sohagi Law Group, PLC; Kimley-Horn and Associates; and IFC Jones & Stokes for tasks related to the completion of the General Plan Update and its associated Environmental Impact Report, and for participation in hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors;
- b. Re-Authorize the County Administrative Officer to determine the appropriate allocation of funds between the above-named consultants to enable completion of tasks; and,
- c. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to transfer \$70,000 from General Fund Contingencies 001-CAO020-1050-8034-7811 to County Counsel 001-COU001-1210-8057-6606 (4/5 vote required).

**DEPARTMENT:** RMA-Planning; County Counsel

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

This matter was previously before the Board for approval on May 18, 2010, at which time the Board approved the expenditure of a total of \$250,000 for the purposes of paying consultants to complete various tasks and attend hearings related to the General Plan. A copy of the minutes, and Board order and report from that hearing is enclosed as Attachment A. Of the total amount authorized, \$190,000 was obligated prior to the end of the last fiscal year (2009-10); however, due to an oversight in the management of the consultant contracts, \$70,000 was not obligated and thus was returned to fund balance at the close of the fiscal year.

The County still has need for the professional services as described in the prior action. Staff is therefore requesting that the Board re-authorize \$70,000 for the same purposes.

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# **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The County Administrative Office has been consulted and concurs in the financing recommendation. The Planning Department concurs in the recommendation.

## **FINANCING:**

The re-authorized cost for the consultant services in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 will be transferred from General Fund Contingencies 001-CAO020-1050-8034-7811 to County Counsel 001-COU001-1210-8057-6606 (4/5 vote required). The remaining balance in Contingencies will be \$4,477,909. County Counsel would be authorized to process payments to all consultants solely to simplify the payment process. This action should be fiscally neutral since the same amount was returned to fund balance, and the contingency fund would be replenished in the same amount.

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Dated: July 15, 2010.

Approved by:

ALANA S. KNASTER RMA Deputy Director

Attachments: Board Order

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