MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING:	July, 27 2010	AGENDA NO.:	31
SUBJECT:	Authorize the Purchasing Manager for Natividad Medical Center (NMC)		
	to execute the Agreement with Latham & Watkins for Independent		
	Consulting and Legal Services at NMC in an amount not to exceed		
	\$100,000 for the period I	May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.	
DEPARTMENT:	Natividad Medical Cente	r	

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Manager for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) to execute the Agreement with Latham & Watkins for Independent Consulting and Legal Services at NMC in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Latham & Watkins healthcare and attorneys have specific experience with the nuanced regulations that govern the healthcare industries, including those related to Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement, healthcare regulatory requirements, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), financing regulation, and licensing. In consultation with the Office of the County Counsel, Latham & Watkins shall render advice on a variety of healthcare-related issues to NMC

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Due to the late submission of this Board Report, the CAO-Budget and Analysis Division was not provided adequate time to fully review for potential fiscal, organizational policy, or other implications to the County of Monterey.

FINANCING:

The cost of this Amendment is \$100,000 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2010/11 Approved Budget. This action will not require any additional General Fund subsidy.

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Attachments: Agreement, Board Order

Harry Weis

Chief Executive Officer