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March 2, 2010

Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**SUBJECT: Request to Conduct the First Reading 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 a first Reading on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 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 professional services rendered to any special districts or agencies from \$175.00 to \$195.00.
2. Following the First Reading, set the matter for public hearing on the proposed Ordinance Amendment for Tuesday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m.

**SUMMARY:** In furtherance of budget planning and the need to increase revenues, the County Counsel's office is requesting the increase to \$195.00. This amount is considerably less than customarily charged by private law firms and more accurately reflects our cost of providing these services. A review of other counties' fees indicates that \$195.00 is reasonable. The last increase was made in 2007.

**FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:** Increased revenue to 3400/4630430 (Counsel Fees) in the amount of approximately \$15,000.

**REVIEWED BY:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Auditor-Controller	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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