



Staff Report

October 8, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council
FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager
DATE: October 8, 2019
RE: Authorization to Enter into Legal Services Contract with Remy Moose Manley, LLP for CEQA Representation on Costco Project

Recommendation

Staff recommends Council authorize the Town to enter into a legal services agreement (Attachment A) with Remy Moose Manley, LLP, to advise the Town on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance for the Loomis Costco project.

Issue Statement and Discussion

As Council knows, the Town will be releasing in the upcoming months the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) for the Loomis Costco project. Because of a conflict with the Town Attorney's firm Kronick Moskowitz Tiedemann & Girard, the Town will need to hire a CEQA Attorney to represent the Town in the event of any potential litigation.

Remy Moose Manley, LLP, is a very highly-regarded CEQA firm throughout the state and comes highly recommended by Town Attorney Jeff Mitchell. The firm routinely represents both public and private clients on land use and CEQA matters.

CEQA Requirements

There are no CEQA implications associated with the recommended action.

Financial and/or Policy Implications

The costs associated with the retainment of the firm and any representation will be borne by Costco.

Attachments

- A. Fee/Retainer Agreement