

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: April 26, 2016

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Barbara Boswell, Lancaster Choice Energy Director

Subject: **Approve an Increase in the Contract Amount for Lancaster Choice Energy Legal Representation**

Recommendation:

Approve an increase in the contract for Lancaster Choice Energy Legal Representation, with Braun, Blasing, McLaughlin & Smith (“BBMS”), by \$65,000 and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

Fiscal Impact:

\$65,000.00, bringing the total contract amount to \$190,000.00; sufficient funds are available in the Lancaster Choice Energy (“LCE”) budget.

Background:

On October 23, 2015, a Professional Services Agreement for Legal Representation with BBMS was executed in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00.

BBMS provides legal services to LCE. These services include representing the City of Lancaster and LCE before the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) and advising staff regarding pending or anticipated regulatory matters, rate cases, and CPUC rulings that may affect LCE or its customers. Additionally, BBMS assists in the preparation and submission of required filings at the CPUC and the California Energy Commission.

Staff is requesting approval of Amendment No. 1 in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 for a total not to exceed amount of \$190,000 for legal services by BBMS.

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Attachment:

Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Consultant Services