

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: June 28, 2016

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Barbara Boswell, Lancaster Choice Energy Director

Subject: **Professional Services Agreement – Lancaster Choice Energy Regulatory Legal Representation (FY 17)**

Recommendation:

Award a professional services agreement with Braun, Blaising, McLaughlin & Smith (BBMS), in the amount of \$220,000.00 for regulatory legal representation for fiscal year 2017 for Lancaster Choice Energy, and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

Fiscal Impact:

\$220,000.00; sufficient funds are available in the Lancaster Choice Energy (LCE) budget.

Background:

BBMS provides legal services to LCE. These services include representing the City of Lancaster and LCE before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). They advise LCE regarding pending and/or anticipated CPUC matters, rate cases, and CPUC rule changes that may affect LCE's interests. They also assist in the preparation and submission of required filings at the CPUC and the California Energy Commission.

Staff is requesting approval of \$220,000.00 for legal services by BBMS.

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Attachment:

Agreement