Agenda Item #: 3 D-

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: Department	December 4, 2012	[X] Consent [] Public Hearing	[] Regular
Submitted By:	COUNTY ATTORNEY		
Submitted For:	COUNTY ATTORNEY		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: (a) Second Amendment to Legal Services Authorization 2011-0352-B with de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., for legal services related to water policy issues; and (b) Second Amendment to Legal Services Authorization 2011-0353-C with Sundstrom, Friedman & Fumero, LLP, for legal services related to the Glades Utility Authority.

Summary: On March 15, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners approved agreements with de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A. (R2011-0352) and Rose Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP (now known as Sundstrom, Friedman, & Fumero)(R2011-0353) for legal services related to water utilities issues. Pursuant to those agreements, work assignments were to be authorized by Legal Services Authorizations. On May 3, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners approved Legal Services Authorization 2011-0352-B (R2011-0601) with de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A, for water policy legal services (the "Water Policy LSA"). The Water Policy LSA was amended on March 20, 2012 (R2012-0417) to extend its term for a period of one (1) year. This Second Amendment to the Water Policy LSA increases the not-to-exceed amount from \$66,800 to \$116,800 and is necessary due to ongoing water policy issues facing the Water Utilities Department. On October 4, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners approved Legal Service Authorization 2011-0353-C with Sundstrom, Friedman & Fumero, LLP (R2011-1488) for legal services related to the Glades Utility Authority (the GUA LSA). The GUA LSA was amended on January 24, 2012 (R2012-0208) to increase the not-toexceed amount from \$50,000 to \$100,000. This Second Amendment to the GUALSA increases the not-to-exceed amount from \$100,000 to \$175,000 and extends the expiration date from December 21, 2012 until June 30, 2013 and is necessary to utilize the services of Sundstrom, Friedman & Fumero for issues relating to the transfer of the GUA utility system to the County. Countywide (MWJ).

Background and Justification: Pursuant to Palm Beach County Administrative Code Section 305.04, the County Attorney's Office may utilize the services of outside counsel on matters requiring special legal expertise. Pursuant to the Administrative Code, the County Attorney's Office issued a Request for Proposals seeking outside counsel services for water utilities regulatory issues and complex utility projects/agreements. A selection committee reviewed and ranked the proposals, and recommended award to de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., and Rose Sundstrom Bentley, LLP. Pursuant to the Request for Proposals, legal services are to be assigned pursuant to a task specific legal services authorization.

Attachments:

1.	Two (2) Original Second Amendments	s ţo	Legal	Services.	Authorization2011-0	1352-B
2.	Two (2) Original Second Amendments	/to	Legal	Services.	Authorization 2011-0	353-C
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Recommended by:	y statement with which	11/15/12
Neconmended by	County Attorney	Date
Approved by:	N/A	
		Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Α.	Five Year Summary	y of Fiscal I	mpact			•
	Fiscal Years	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Oper Exter Prog	tal Expenditures ating Costs rnal Revenues ram Income (County nd Match (County)	125,000				
NE.	T FISCAL IMPACT	<u>125,</u> 000				
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Is Ite	m Included in Currer	nt Budget?	Ye	s <u>X</u> No_		
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В.	Recommended Sou	irces of Fur	nds/Summ	ary of Fiscal	Impact:	
C.	Departmental Fisca Water Utilities Depa			es and cost	ts will be paid	I from the
		III. <u>REV</u>	EW COMN	<u>IENTS</u>		
Α.	OFMB Fiscal and/or	r Contract E		nt and Cont	A	
В.	OPMB Legal Sufficiency	11/6/3	(1000 Ca	ntract Devel	opment and C	11/30((3)
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	Assistant Count					
C.	Other Department F	teview:				
	Department D	irector				

SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORIZATION R2011-0352-B

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT, made and entered into this	lay of
, 2012, by and between PALM BEACH COUN	ΓY, a
political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred	to as
"County," and de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., a professional assoc	iation,
hereinafter referred to as "Outside Counsel".	

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2011, County and Outside Counsel entered into Legal Services Authorization R2011-0352-B for Outside Counsel services related to water policy issues (hereinafter the "Water Policy LSA"); and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2012, County and Outside Counsel entered into a First Amendment to Legal Services Authorization R2011-0352-B (hereinafter the "First Amendment"), extending the expiration date of the Water Policy LSA for one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, County and Outside Counsel wish to amend the Water Policy LSA to modify the Scope of Work and to modify the not-to-exceed amount from \$66,800 to \$116,800.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements expressed herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by specific reference.
- 2. Exhibit "A" to the Water Policy LSA is hereby replaced in its entirety by the Revised Exhibit "A", a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- 3. The not-to-exceed amount of the Water Policy LSA is hereby amended to \$116,800.
- 4. All other provisions of the Water Policy LSA, dated May 3, 2011, as amended by the First Amendment, dated March 20, 2012, are hereby confirmed and, except as provided herein, are not otherwise altered or amended and shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Agreement this day of	parties hereto have duly executed this, 2012.
ATTEST: Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller	PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
By:	By:
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	
By: Assistant County Attorney	
Accepted by Outside Counsel:	·
WITNESSES:	de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A.
By: Sugar Long Signature	By: Edward de la Parte, Jr.
Susan L. Levine Print Name	
By: Jarla & Joy Signature	

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Revised Exhibit A

WATER POLICY ISSUES SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET
Agreement Between Palm Beach County and De La Parte & Gilbert,
P.A. for Legal Services – Second Amendment – October 17, 2012

Background

Palm Beach County owns and operates one of the five largest water utilities in the State of Florida. The Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) manages significant potable water, wastewater and reclaimed water system serving more than 500,000 persons. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the South Florida Water Management District (District) are currently considering complaints regarding PBCWUD's permitted water use and are developing or may in the future develop policy concerning issues, which could potentially impact the operation of the PBCWUD utility system. Some of the issues currently being discussed by DEP and the District are the scope of the 10-year Compliance Report under Section 373.236(4), Florida Statutes, permit duration, historic wetland impact, water demands and conservation, reclaimed water offsets and credits, conditions of issuance for consumptive use permits, minimum flows and levels and reservations and certification of surface water for consumptive use under the Lower East Coast Rule and the Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan update.

Description of the Scope of Work

Palm Beach County requested De La Parte & Gilbert, P.A. (Firm) to provide advice and counsel regarding water policy issues currently under discussion or which be discussed by DEP and the District. This work will consist of conferring with PBCWUD staff and consultants, developing comment letters and position papers, attending meetings with District staff and other interested stakeholders, appearing on behalf of the County at public hearings and workshops and drafting rule language, guidance reports and other similar documents, whenever required by the County.

Revised Water Policy Issues Scope of Work – Second Amendment October 17, 2012

Agreement Between Palm Beach County and De La Parte & Gilbert, P.A. for Legal Services

	Personnel Hours							
Task Description ¹	Ed de la Parte	Other Shareholders	Assoc. Atty	Law Clerk	Paralegal	Total ²		
Advise PBCWUD regarding DEP/District Consolidated CUP Rulemaking and related issues.	45 ⁻	0	42	0	45	132		
Advise PBCWUD regarding DEP rulemaking and related issues.	20	; 0	20	0	20	60		
Advise PBCWUD regarding complaints and other issues concerning its permitted water use.	40	0	43	0	45	128		
Advise PBCWUD regarding its DEP permits and related issues.	20		20	0	20	60		
Advise PBCWUD regarding certification of sur- face water for consumptive use under the Lower	20	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	20					
East Coast Reservation Rule.	25	0	30	0	30	85		
Advise PBCWUD regarding Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan Update.	25	: 0	30	0	30	85		
Total	175	0	185	0	190	550		

¹ Task descriptions have been updated to better describe the work to be performed for Palm Beach County.

² None of these estimates include fees or costs associated with judicial or administrative litigation or appeals.

DE LA PARTE & GILBERT, P. A. WATER POLICY ISSUES SCOPE OF WORK REVISED BUDGET SUMMARY

Position	i !	Rate	Hours	Amount
Edward de la Parte	<u> </u>	300	175	52,500
Other Shareholders		250	O [']	0
Associate Attorneys	:	200	185	37,000
Law Clerks	:	140	0	0
Paralegals	[120	190	22,800
Subtotal	•		550	\$112,300
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Expenses	:			\$4,500
Total	:			\$116,800

SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORIZATION R2011-0353-C

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT, made and entered into this ______ day of ______, 2012, by and between PALM BEACH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "County," and Sundstrom, Friedman & Fumero, a Florida limited liability partnership, hereinafter referred to as "Outside Counsel".

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2011, County and Outside Counsel entered into Legal Services Authorization R2011-0353-C for Outside Counsel services related to the Glades Utility Authority (hereinafter the "GUA LSA"); and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, County and Outside Counsel entered in the First Amendment to Legal Services Authorization R2011-0353-C (hereinafter the "First Amendment") modifying the Scope or Work and increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$50,000 to \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, County and Outside Counsel wish to amend the GUA LSA to modify the Scope of Work, modify the not-to-exceed amount to \$175,000, and extend the date expiration to June 30, 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements expressed herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by specific reference.
- 2. Exhibit "A" to the GUA LSA is hereby replaced in its entirety by the Second Revised Exhibit "A", a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- 3. The not-to-exceed amount of the GUA LSA is hereby amended to \$175,000.
- 4. The expiration date of the GUA LSA is hereby extended to June 30, 2013.
- 5. All other provisions of the GUA LSA, dated August 1, 2011, as

amended by the First Amendment, dated January 24, 2012, are hereby confirmed and, except as provided herein, are not otherwise altered or amended and shall remain in full force and effect.

THE REMAINDER OF THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK; SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

Agreement this day of	, 2012.
ATTEST: Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller	PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
By: Deputy Clerk	Ву:
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY By: Assistant County Attorney	
Accepted by Outside Counsel:	
WITNESSES:	SUNDSTROM, FRIEDMAN & FUMERO, LLP
Helisa Washington By: Signature	By: John Fumero
Melissa Washington Print Name	
By Signature	
BERNICE TORRES Print Name	
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Exhibit A

GLADES UTILITY AUTHORITY RELATED MATTERS LEGAL SERVICES SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET Agreement between Palm Beach County and Sundstrom, Friedman & Fumero, LLP, for Legal Services — October _____, 2012

Background

Palm Beach County ("County") previously entered into an agreement with each of the Glades cities (City of Belle Glade, City of Pahokee and City of South Bay) regarding the obligation of each city to repay the County for money the County spent to construction the Lake Region Water Treatment Plant, which is a reverse osmosis treatment plant that provides quality water to Glades residents. The debt of the Glades cities was subsequently assumed by the Glades Utility Authority ("Authority") when the Glades cities transferred their operable utility assets to the Authority on October 1, 2009 pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement, dated June 16, 2009 that created the Authority.

The Board of Directors of the Authority ("Board") is composed of representatives of the four member entities: the County and the three Glades cities. The County has entered into an Agreement with the Authority to provide operation, maintenance and management services to the Authority ("Service Agreement"). The Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department ("Department") has been performing under the Service Agreement on behalf of the County pursuant to the annual budget adopted by the Board.

It has become apparent that the longstanding defects in the physical facilities that make up the Authority system will require a large capital infusion in order to ensure their future viability. The poor quality of the systems coupled to the cost of operating the facilities and servicing the debt of the facilities results in effectively the highest water and wastewater utility rates in the County. The Authority Board has, to date, refused to adopt utility rates and a budget for this fiscal year, which would pay the cost of operating and maintaining the system, including the debt service thereon. It is anticipated that the system will experience an operating deficit in excess of \$2 million this year, and at least as much in future years. The County has offered to absorb the Authority system into the overall County Water Utilities Department, and has reached a tentative settlement with the Glades cities to do so. In light of the complexity of the legal issues presented, the County Attorney's office has expressed a desire to amend its legal services authorization with Outside Counsel in this regard.

Description of the Scope of Work

The County Attorney's Office has requested that the firm of Sundstrom, Friedman & Fumero, LLP, (the "Firm") provide advice and counsel regarding the proposed transfer of the Authority's systems to the County Water Utilities Department. This work will consist of conferring with Department staff and consultants, attending meetings and teleconferences, finalizing the proposed transfer, preparing documents and closing the

proposed transfer. Considering the complexity, specialized nature of the representation, and time intensity of this matter, the County Attorney's office requests the Board's authorization to retain outside legal counsel to assist it in this regard. Palm Beach\GUA Acquisition\Scope of Work and Budget\GladesUtility Authority Scope of Services (Draft 10-18-12)

Glades Utility Authority Related Matters Legal Services October ____, 2012

Agreement Between Palm Beach County and Sundstrom Friedman & Fumero, LLP, for Legal Services

4	Personnel Hours						
Task Description¹	Attorneys	Paraleg	als	Law Clerks	Total		
Advise the Department regarding the transfer of the Glades Utility Authority systems to Palm Beach County including but not	663	40		81.66			
limited to, finalizing, documentation and closing of the proposed transaction.					The same of the sa		
Total	663	40		81.66	784.66		

¹ None of these estimates include fees or costs associated with judicial or administrative litigation or appeals,

ROSE, SUNDSTROM & BENTLEY, LLP GLADES UTILITY AUTHORITY RELATED MATTERS LEGAL SERVICES SCOPE OF WORK BUDGET SUMMARY

Position	;	Rate	Hours	Amount
Attorneys* Paralegals Law Clerks	: : : ;	225 90 60	663.00 40.00 80.66	\$149,175.00 3,600.00 <u>4,899.60</u>
Subtotal	•		Milde	<u>\$157,674.60</u>
Expenses	•			17,325.40
Total				\$175,000.00

^{*} There is a blended rate for all RSB attorneys pursuant to the Agreement for Legal Services, dated March 15, 2011.

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION PALM BEACH COUNTY WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT BUDGET AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

DATE:

October 17, 2012

TO:

Michael Jones, Assistant County Attorney

FROM:

Guy Eggertsson, Fiscal Manager 1 Water Utilities Department

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RE:

Increase to Legal Services for DE LA Parte & Gilbert, P.a> & Rose, Sunstrom,

Friedman & Fumero, LLP

FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS:

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Is item included in current budget? Yes X No ____ Budget Account Number:

Fund .	Agency	Organization	_ Object	Amount
4001	720	1110	3125	\$125,000.00

Source of Funds: Water Utility User Fees

Attachment #