



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2026
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Trevor J. Koski, County Counsel
SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Contract between the County of Nevada and Abbott & Kindermann, Inc., now Fennemore Law, to update the contractor name and contact information and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the amendment.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Legal services provided under this Contract are paid on an as needed basis. The cost of this Contract is being paid from County Counsel's Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 General Liability Fund.

BACKGROUND: Parties entered into a Contract on February 19, 2024, for services related to the application for the Idaho Maryland Mine – Rise Gold project. Subsequently, on May 10, 2024, a Petition for Peremptory Writ of Mandate was filed against Nevada County, entitled *Rise Grass Valley vs. County of Nevada*; Nevada County Superior Court Case No.CU0001386.

The matter is ongoing. Abbott & Kindermann, Inc. has since been absorbed by Fennemore Law, and the proposed Amendment updates the Contract to reflect Fennemore Law as the Contractor and to update related contractor name and contact information. Although the firm name has changed, the County's primary counsel has not changed. Diane G. Kindermann Henderson continues to serve as lead counsel for the County in this matter. The Amendment also extends the term of the Contract to June 30, 2027, and increases the maximum contract amount to \$425,000.

Fennemore Law, is well qualified to represent the County in this matter and has done an excellent job in representing Nevada County in this matter thus far. I recommend that the Board approve the proposed Amendment as submitted.

Item Initiated by: Trina Woodward

Item Approved by: Trevor J. Koski, County Counsel

Submittal Date: April 30, 2026