

**AMENDMENT No. 1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT [PESR4849]  
WITH DOWNEY BRAND, LLP**

THIS AMENDMENT No. 1 is made effective as of the date of its execution by and between Downey Brand, LLP (“Contractor”), and the County of Nevada (“County”). This Amendment No. 1 amends the Professional Services Contract between the parties for legal services, entered on October 10, 2023 (“Contract”).

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2023, parties entered into a Professional Services Contract [PESR4849] for general legal representation as outlined in the Schedule of Services (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the issues are ongoing, the parties wish to expand the scope of representation, and amending the Contract Payment term is necessary to provide for continued services under this Contract; and

WHEREAS, the County desires that the Contractor continue to provide legal services, and the Contractor is ready, willing, and able to provide such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. This Amendment shall be effective as of the date of its execution.
2. The last sentence of Section 2 of the Contract (i.e. Payment) is hereby amended to read: The amount of the contract shall not exceed fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000).
3. The first sentence of Exhibit A the Contract is hereby amended to read: Contractor shall provide general legal representation for Nevada County, its employees, representatives, and officers related to (1) the initiation of filing a complaint with the CPUC against PG&E and facilitating meetings and communications with PG&E about its gas infrastructure activities and (2) legal issues related to the Blue Lead Gold Mine, including but not limited to the Blue Lead’s bankruptcy filing.
4. That in all other respects the prior Contract of the parties shall remain in full force and effect except as amended herein.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Contract between the County of Nevada and Hefner Law, effective as of the date first written above.

COUNTY OF NEVADA

By: *Desiree Belding, CPPO, CPPB*  
Desiree Belding, CPPO, CPPB (Jan 10, 2025 14:21 PST)  
Desiree Belding, County  
Deputy Purchasing Agent

Date: 12/30/2024

CONTRACTOR:

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Megan Somogyi  
Partner, Downey Brand, LLP

Date: 12/30/2024

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Date: 12/30/2024