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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** March 24, 2026

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** County Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Contract between the County of Nevada and Porter Scott, a Professional Corporation, increasing the maximum contract amount by \$100,000 for a maximum amount of \$150,000, and extending the term of the Contract to June 30, 2027, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Amendment (4/5 affirmative vote required)

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**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 Risk Management's Fiscal Years 2025/26 and 2026/27 General Liability Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 16, 2023, the County retained general legal representation for Nevada County, its employees, representatives, and officers related to potential litigation involving Deborah Wagner as against the County of Nevada and Captain Mike Walsh (retired). On October 15, 2024, a lawsuit was filed entitled Deborah Wagner v. Wellpath Management, et al, Nevada County Case No. CU0001661.

The Agreement had a maximum contract price of \$50,000 with a termination date of June 30, 2026. The matter is ongoing, and an extension of the Contract term is necessary to provide for continued litigation services under the Contract. It is recommended the Contract be increased by \$100,000 for a maximum amount of \$150,000 and extended to June 30, 2027.

Porter Scott, a Professional Corporation, 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