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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 8, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Counsel

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment No. 3 to Personal Services

Contract between the County of Nevada and Abbott &

Kindermann, Inc. for legal services related to the Idaho-Maryland Mine – Rise Grass Valley Project, increasing the Contract price by \$125,000 for a maximum Contract amount of \$375,000; amending the Schedule of Services and authorizing the Chair of the Board to

execute the Amendment (4/5 affirmative vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: The contract will be paid by the project applicant. There is no impact on the General Fund.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution with Exhibit A: Amendment No. 3 to Personal Services Contract (Scope of Services and Schedule of Compensation)

BACKGROUND: On April 28, 2020, the Board considered approval of the Raney Planning & Management, Inc. proposal for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR19-0001) and contract planning services for the proposed Idaho-Maryland Mine – Rise Grass Valley Project.

On April 28, 2020, by way of Resolution 20-152, County Counsel retained Abbott & Kindermann, Inc. to provide land use and CEQA services to the County in conjunction with the Idaho Maryland Mine proposed project [BM220152]. By way of Resolution 22-276, the contract was extended to June 2023. On April 18, 2023, by way of Resolution 23-150, the

Contract was Amended to increase the Contract price by \$100,000 for a maximum amount of \$250,000 in addition to extending the Contract term to June 30, 2024. The Scope of Services were also changed at that time.

The project is on-going, and an increase of the Contract amount is necessary to provide for continued services under the current Contract. It has been estimated that \$125,000 will be needed through June 31, 2024.

Abbott & Kindermann, Inc. is a well-qualified firm with significant experience and expertise in the legal aspects of mining projects and is willing and able to represent the County of Nevada in this matter. I recommend that the Board approve the proposed Contract as submitted.

Item Initiated by: Kelly McKinley

Approved by: Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel

Submittal Date: 7/21/23