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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO COUNTY COUNSEL HOURLY BILLING RATES FOR ATTORNEY AND PARALEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Office of County Counsel provides legal services to special districts, and various County programs for which payment for legal services is authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, Section 143 of the San Diego County Administrative Code provides that the Board of Supervisors periodically establish, by resolution, hourly rates to be charged by County Counsel for County Counsel attorney and paralegal services

WHEREAS, Board of Supervisors Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, requires County departments to recover the full cost, to the extent where legally possible, of services provided to agencies or individuals outside the County of San Diego organization; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2024, the San Diego County Auditor and Controller’s Office reviewed a full cost recovery study to establish applicable rates for attorneys and paralegals (the latter which includes investigators), which indicates that current County Counsel attorney and paralegal hours billing rates would not reflect the full costs associated with County Counsel’s operations; and

WHEREAS, in order to only recover the full cost of legal services to be provided by the Office of County Counsel, both the attorney and paralegal hourly rates must be modified to the amounts indicated below;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego hereby approves the following County Counsel hourly billing rates for attorney and paralegal services as follows:

<u>Attorney Hourly Billing Rate</u>	<u>Paralegal Hourly Billing Rate</u>
\$286	\$151

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the aforementioned hourly billing rates for attorney services and paralegal services shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
Claudia G. Silva, County Counsel

BY: Walter J. de Lorrell III, Chief Deputy