

# San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority

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Meeting Location:  
Tulare County Employee Retirement  
Association Board Chambers  
136 N. Akers Street  
Visalia, CA 93291  
January 20, 2012  
9:00 AM

**AGENDA DATE:** January 20, 2012

**ITEM NUMBER:** 12

**SUBJECT:** Request for Proposal for Outside Legal Counsel for the SJVIA

**REQUEST(S):** That the Board Approve the RFP for Outside Legal Counsel for the SJVIA

**DESCRIPTION:**

Historically, County Counsel from both Fresno and Tulare has been utilized for legal services as needed since the formation of the SJVIA. As the SJVIA grows, the demands for legal expertise in the administration of a self insured employee benefits pool will be required.

The SJVIA Manager and Assistant Manager agree that a Request for Proposal (RFP) should be developed for Legal Counsel services to represent the SJVIA with the expertise to address the specialized legal issues that arise for a self insured Joint Powers Authority (JPA). It is expected that the special Counsel will be called upon to provide guidance concerning significant legal, compliance and contract issues associated with the operations and development of the SJVIA. While the current method of providing legal counsel has been effective and efficient, contracting for independent legal representation is a usual and customary practice for a JPA. The in-house Counsels of both member Counties who have been involved with the formation and development of the SJVIA share the sentiment of SJVIA Staff. Furthermore, retaining outside legal representation should bolster the confidence in SJVIA by all participating members as the membership grows.

This RFP process and selection of outside Legal Counsel is the first step in securing legal expertise for the SJVIA relative to operation and development of the JPA.

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**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The administrative cost associated with the RFP can be accommodated in the current budget.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Paul Nerland  
SJVIA Manager



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Jeffrey Cardell  
Assistant SJVIA Manager

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY INSURANCE  
AUTHORITY**

**IN THE MATTER OF** Request for Proposal for Outside Legal Counsel for the SJVIA

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**AGREEMENT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

UPON MOTION OF DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT AN  
OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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That the Board Approved a Request for Proposal for Outside Legal Counsel for the SJVIA