



Resolution HSRA #14-36

Approval of Amendment to Nossaman Contract for Budget

Whereas, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for the development and implementation of intercity high-speed rail service pursuant the Public Utilities Code §185030, *et seq.*;

Whereas, the Authority may enter into contracts with private and public entities for the design, construction and operation of high-speed rail trains including all tasks and segments thereof pursuant to California Public Utilities Code section 185036;

Whereas, legal services and support is a crucial, key component of ensuring the Authority meets all program requirements and obligations. The requested contract amendment will allow Authority staff to develop a non-government legal services contracting plan and engage in a competitive process to obtain best value for qualified legal services; and

Whereas, for the reasons set forth to the Board in the staff presentation and materials, the amendment for budget to the Nossaman LLP contract for legal is appropriate.

Therefore, it is resolved:

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or a qualified designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to undertake all that is necessary to negotiate and execute a contract amendment for legal services with Nossaman LLP in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 (bringing the total contract amount to \$19 million).

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Date: November 18, 2014

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