Thursday, November 18, 2010

## Law RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 24

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the legal services agreement with Smith, Robertson, Elliot, Glen, Klein & Bell, LLP, to provide legal services related to environmental review and compliance for Water Treatment Plant 4, to increase funding in the amount of \$125,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$495,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the FY 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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**Prior Council Action:** November 2, 2006, Council approved the contract in the amount of \$100,000; June 7, 2007, Council amended the contract to authorize additional funding of \$270,000.

This item amends a contract for legal services with Smith, Robertson, Elliot & Glen to increase funding for legal services necessary to address environmental issues concerning the design and construction of Water Treatment Plan 4. Alan Glen of that firm will serve as outside counsel for Endangered Species Act related matters, in addition to other environmental issues and potential litigation support.