



County Counsel  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District Two
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District Three
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District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** March 24, 2020 - REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Jennifer M. Flores    PHONE: 559-636-4950		

**SUBJECT:** Approve an Agreement with West Publishing Corporation for Westlaw Subscription Services

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with West Publishing Corporation, a Thomson Reuters Company, for a subscription to Westlaw Proflex online legal research software, effective March 27, 2020 through March 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$191,000. This agreement will replace and supersede Agreement No. 27982.
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the Agreement.

**SUMMARY:**

The County Counsel's Office is requesting to renew and replace Agreement No. 27982 with West Publishing Corporation for a subscription to Westlaw Proflex online legal research software (Westlaw Edge). Westlaw offers complete access to a comprehensive collection of legal information, with a search engine designed specifically for legal research. Resources include, but are not limited to, California and federal cases, statutes and regulations, secondary sources, practice areas, briefs, trial court documents, public records, and expert materials. Access to Westlaw Edge will allow County Counsel to perform legal research quickly and efficiently in order to effectively advise departments and the Board regarding complex legal issues. This upgrade will provide additional resources necessary for County Counsel operations.

By upgrading this contract prior to the previous agreement's expiration date, County

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Counsel was able to secure significantly reduced rates for the contract period.

This agreement deviates substantively from the standard County boilerplate in that 1) it requires 60 days written notice to terminate, 2) governing law is New York, and 3) and County Counsel signs first.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

For fiscal year 2019/2020 the cost is \$11,533 which is an increase in cost of \$2,100. This amount is covered in the fiscal year 2019/2020 budget. For fiscal year 2020/2021 the contract amount of \$46,400 will be included in the budget. Yearly increases will not exceed 1%. The remaining cost of 133,067 will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years. Approximately 67% or \$127,970 will come from the County General Liability Fund and the remainder will come from the he County General Fund budget.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Organizational Performance Initiative to continually improve organizational effectiveness and fiscal stability. The approval of this contract would help fulfill this initiative by ensuring all pertinent legal resources on areas of law in which County Counsel advises are available to meet the needs of its clients.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Jennifer M. Flores  
Chief Deputy County Counsel

cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN )  
AGREEMENT WITH WEST PUBLISHING )  
CORPORATION FOR WESTLAW  
SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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