## **RESOLUTION 2014-217**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL, HUNT, ORTMANN, PALFFY, NIEVES, DARLING & MAH, INC., TO ADD \$681,000 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR A NEW NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$981.000

- WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix 1, (Port Act); and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners (Board) adopted BPC Policy No. 110 establishing a procedure for the administration of contracts and the purchasing of supplies, materials, and equipment and establishing a policy governing the processing and administration of contracts; and
- WHEREAS, the Office of the General Counsel is responsible for providing legal advice and representation to the Board, the CEO and executive team, as well as all departments of the District; and
- WHEREAS, in order to best advise and defend the District, in addition to the in-house attorneys, the Office of the General Counsel sometimes utilizes the services of outside law firms to provide legal services in specific areas of law and to supplement the in-house services; and
- WHEREAS, for most matters which total less than \$175,000 annually, the General Counsel may authorize the Agreement and will report to the Board monthly per BPC Policy No. 110, Section II.H; and
- **WHEREAS**, for Agreements totaling more than \$175,000, the Office of the General Counsel recommends Agreements to the Board and Board approval is necessary pursuant to BPC No. 110, Section II.I; and
- WHEREAS, on June 10, 2014, the Board approved an Agreement for legal services with Hunt, Ortmann, Palffy, Nieves, Darling & Mah, Inc., for one year and a not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000. The Office of the General Counsel recommends amending this Agreement to add \$681,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$981,000.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, as follows:

That the General Counsel or his designated representative is hereby authorized on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with outside legal counsel, Hunt, Ortmann, Palffy, Nieves, Darling & Mah, Inc., to add \$681,000 to the Agreement for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$981,000.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Merrifield, Moore, and Valderrama.

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: Malcolm and Nelson.

ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Robert E. Nelson, Chairman Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:

Timothy A. Deuel

**District Clerk** 

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