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1	AMENDMENT 3 TO AGREEMENT P-17-077- Q
2	FOR SPECIALIZED LEGAL SERVICES
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5	THIS AMENDMENT 3 to AGREEMENT P-17-077-Q (the "Agreement") is made
6	and entered into by and between the COUNTY OF FRESNO, a political subdivision of
7	the State of California (the "COUNTY"), and the law firm of EPSTEIN, BECKER and
8	GREEN, a professional law corporation, hereinafter referred to as "ATTORNEY."
9	WITNESSETH:
10	WHEREAS, COUNTY has received a notice of disallowance of certain expenses
11	by the Department of Health and Human Services and is seeking to appeal such
12	disallowances before the Departmental Appeals Board and, if necessary, federal court;
13	and
14	WHEREAS, COUNTY wishes to obtain specialized services, as authorized by
15	Government Code section 31000, to represent County and to obtain a review and
16	opinion from ATTORNEY of the relative strengths and weaknesses of the COUNTY's
17	appellate position; and
18	WHEREAS, COUNTY wishes to engage the specialized legal services of counsel
19	who is expert in legal matters concerning such issues; and
20	WHEREAS, ATTORNEY represents that it is specially trained and experienced,
21	and that it possesses such expertise; and
22	WHEREAS, such specialized legal services are either not available or expected
23	not to be available in Fresno County's Office of the County Counsel, and
24	WHEREAS, on or about March 1, 2017, the COUNTY and ATTORNEY entered
25	into COUNTY AGREEMENT No. P-17-077-Q to provide said specialized legal services
26	with a not to exceed amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00); and
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WHEREAS, on or about April 25, 2017 the COUNTY and ATTORNEY entered 1 2 into Amendment I to COUNTY AGREEMENT No. P-17-077-Q to raise the not to exceed 3 amount to Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000); and WHEREAS, on or about March 6, 2018, the COUNTY and ATTORNEY 4 5 ENTERED INTO Amendment 2 to COUNTY AGREEMENT no. P-17-077-Q to extend 6 the effective termination date to December 31, 2019 to allow sufficient time for 7 ATTORNEY to complete all legal services and litigation required under AGREEMENT No. P-17-077-Q; 8 WHEREAS the parties now desire to raise the not to exceed amount to Three 9 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) and services and litigation required under 10 11 AGREEMENT No. P-17-077-Q; 12 NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms, and 13 conditions herein described, the parties hereto agree to amend COUNTY AGREEMENT 14 P-17-077-Q as follows: The fourth (4th) paragraph of Section 3 located at page 4 of AGREEMENT 15 1. 16 P-17-077-Q, LINES 5-13 amended to read as follows: 17 "In no event shall the maximum amount paid to ATTORNEY as compensation for ATTORNEY's services performed exceed Three Hundred Thousand and No/100 18 19 Dollars (\$300,000) under this Agreement unless the parties agree to expand the scope 20 of services through written amendment. ATTORNEY shall not be paid for any services 21 or costs above this limit without a written modification of this Agreement executed by 22 both parties. ATTORNEY shall notify COUNTY in writing when the value of its accrued 23 services, whether billed or not yet billed to the COUNTY, has reached the amount of 24 Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$250,000). 25 All other terms and conditions of AGREEMENT No. P-17-077-Q as 2. amended by AMENDMENT 3 shall remain in full force and effect and are not affected 26 27 by this AMENDMENT.

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