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Chad Davisson
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Re: Requested Rate Increases for Legal Services Contract

Dear Mr. Davisson:

It has been a pleasure to serve as General Counsel for the Graton Community Services District and to work with you and the staff at the District. I very much appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Our current legal services contract, executed in 2012 and last amended in 2021, provides the firm's standard billing rate structure for attorney and paralegal providing services. We are requesting a ten percent rate increase on all staffing categories. We have not adjusted our rate structure under the contract, which has remained the same since the 2021 Amendment although Meyers Nave's costs to perform the services have increased. We strive to maintain competitive rates and this adjustment will enable us to continue providing exceptional service. A rate sheet reflecting this adjustment is attached to this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like us to send you a draft contract amendment for consideration by the Board.

Sincerely,

Claire Lai
Attorney

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Attachment: Meyers Nave Rate Sheet

ATTACHMENT

MEYERS NAVE RATE SHEET- CURRENT AND PROPOSED

General Legal Services	Current Hourly Rates	Proposed Hourly Rates
Principals	\$480	\$528
Senior Of Counsel	\$396	\$436
Of Counsel	\$359	\$395
Associate	\$327	\$360
Paralegal	\$264	\$290
Law Clerk	\$222	\$244

Our rates adjust annually by the greater of 3% or the relevant local CPI increase over the prior 12 month period.

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