



AGENDA REPORT

Department: City Attorney's Office
Prepared by: Richard Romero, Assistant City Attorney
Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Approved by: Alejandro Hernandez, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT:

Approval of an Agreement with Price, Postel & Parma LLP to represent the City of National City in Connection with Litigation Pertaining to Flood Related Matters Resulting from the January 2024 Rains.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing an Agreement with Price, Postel & Parma LLP for Legal Services in Connection with Litigation Related to the January 2024 Rain Event."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

In January of 2024, the City of National and surrounding areas experienced a catastrophic rain event that resulted in flooding throughout the region. On October 15, 2024, the City entered into an agreement with Hamrick & Evans, LLP to represent the City in connection with flood litigation from the rain event. Effective April 1, 2026, the primary attorneys and staff representing the City on the flood litigation have joined the law firm of Price, Postel & Parma LLP and will be substituting in to the litigation for Hamrick & Evans, LLP.

To ensure continuity of representation for the City, staff recommends entering into an agreement with Price, Postel & Parma LLP to continue legal representation for the City in connection with litigation regarding flood litigation matters from the January 2024 rain event, including: *Rosaure Delgado, et al. vs City of National City, et al.*, Case No. 24CU013086C; *Martin, et al. v. City of National City, et al.*, Case No. 24CU014995C; *Manuel Aguirre, et al. v. City of San Diego, et al.*, Case No. 24CU017722C; *Melanie Arroyo Rodriguez, et al v. City National City et al.*, Case Nos. 24CU025594C & 24CV025851C; *Cortez, et al. v. City of National City, et al.*, Case No. 24CU026011C; and any future food litigation matters.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Funds exist in account 627-10-15-15600-7432 – Liability Claim Cost

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA, and is therefore, not subject to environmental review. CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The Agenda Report was posted at least 72 hours before the Regular Meeting date and time, and 24 hours before a Special Meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A - Agreement

Exhibit B – Resolution