



# County of Los Alamos

## Council Meeting Staff Report

April 3, 2018

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<b>Agenda No.:</b>	B.
<b>Indexes (Council Goals):</b>	BCC - N/A
<b>Presenters:</b>	Steve Cummins
<b>Legislative File:</b>	AGR0563-18

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### **Title**

Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement No. AGR 16-4270 with Virtue & Najjar, P.C. in an Amount of \$200,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, resulting in a Revised Total Agreement Amount of \$400,000.00, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of Providing Legal Services in Connection with the Incorporated County of Los Alamos' Utilities Operations

### **Recommended Action**

**I move that Council approve Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement No. AGR 16-4270 with Virtue & Najjar, P.C. in an Amount of \$200,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, resulting in a Revised Total Agreement Amount of \$400,000.00, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of Providing Legal Services in Connection with the Incorporated County of Los Alamos' Utilities Operations**

### **Utilities Manager's Recommendation**

The Utilities Manager recommends that Council approve the amendment as requested.

### **Board, Commission or Committee Recommendation**

The Board of Public Utilities recommends that Council approve the amendment as requested.

### **Body**

The County has been using Virtue & Najjar for legal services as requested by the County Attorney in connection with County's utilities operations. Virtue & Najjar is currently supporting Utilities in the San Juan Generating Station, New Mexico Gas Company, UAMPS Carbon Free Power Project and other utility matters as requested. Staff recommends issuing a new contract to Virtue and Najjar for ongoing support as requested. The County Attorney's office has reviewed this contract amendment and agrees that the continued use of the services of this firm is in the best interests of Los Alamos County.

### **Alternatives**

Solicit new bids for outside legal services and potentially need to bring a new provider up to speed on current legal matters being administered by Virtue and Najjar.

### **Fiscal and Staff Impact/Planned Item**

Fiscal impact included annually in Utilities fiscal year budgets. No staff impact.

### **Attachments**

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