

**SEASIDE BASIN WATERMASTER**  
**REQUEST FOR SERVICE**

DATE: January 1, 2026

RFS NO. 2026-01

TO: Joseph Hughes  
Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper,  
Rosenlieb & Kimball, LLP  
PROFESSIONAL

FROM: Laura Paxton  
Administrative Officer  
WATERMASTER

**Services Needed and Purpose:** Provide legal services to assist as may be requested by Watermaster.

**Completion Date:** All work under this RFS will be completed no later than December 31, 2026.

**Method of Compensation:** Time and Expense Payment Method. Hourly rates are described in Attachment 1.

**Total Price Authorized by this RFS:** \$20,612.00 (Cost is authorized only when evidenced by signature below.)  
(See Attachment 1 for derivation of Estimated Costs).

**Total Price** may not be exceeded without prior written authorization by WATERMASTER in accordance with Section V. COMPENSATION.

*Laura J. Paxton*  
**Requested by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Paxton, Administrative Officer

January 1, 2026  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ian Oglesby*  
**Authorized by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Ian Oglesby  
WATERMASTER Chairman of the Board

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*Joseph S. Hughes*  
**Agreed to by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Hughes  
PROFESSIONAL

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## ATTACHMENT 1

### SCOPE OF WORK AND ESTIMATED COSTS

#### **BACKGROUND**

Under RFS No. 2026-01, PROFESSIONAL will render opinions on adjudicated basin related legal matters, propose potential replenishment water funding methods, interact with the judge presiding in the matter, attend meetings, review documents, determine appropriate response by Watermaster to Public Records Act requests, and other work as necessary to assist WATERMASTER. Requests for assistance will normally be made by email or by telephone by WATERMASTER staff.

#### **ESTIMATED COSTS**

\$425 for attorneys with ten or more years' experience  
\$395 for attorneys with more than five years' experience  
\$345 for attorneys with less than five years' experience

Work examples: time spent preparing documents, legal research, negotiations, conferences, telephone calls, emails, travel time, and any time in court or before any government agency.

Since there is no detailed scope of work for this RFS, it is not possible to provide a detailed breakdown of estimated costs. It is estimated that PROFESSIONAL may provide up to 48.5 hours of time assisting WATERMASTER with the work to be performed under this RFS. At PROFESSIONAL's hourly rate of \$425, this would amount to \$20,612. This serves as the basis for the Total Price set forth on page 1 of this RFS No. 2026-01.