

10.0 COUNSEL

Legal services shall generally be provided to TRWD under the direction of the General Counsel. This includes the coordination of external counsel, including external counsel selected or authorized by the Board to represent the District.

The following sets forth the manner in which TRWD and its Board of Directors will utilize legal services from internal and external attorneys.

10.1 Internal Counsel. The Board delegates to the General Manager the authority to hire and employ an attorney or attorneys for the District, through TRWD's normal employee hiring process, to serve as the District's in-house legal counsel and representative in matters requiring legal services. This in-house legal counsel may serve as the District's General Counsel.

Internal counsel shall report directly to the General Manager or designee and assist the Board upon request.

10.2 Requests for Services from Internal Counsel. To coordinate and monitor the provision of legal services for the District, the Board delegates to the General Manager the ability to determine how to channel staff requests for legal advice from internal counsel.

Board requests for specific legal research and/or formal opinions of internal counsel must be requested by the President, a majority of the Board, or a written request to the President by two or more Board members. Board requests for legal services from internal counsel should be directed to the General Manager to provide to internal counsel.

10.3 Special Counsel to the Board. The Board may, by majority vote, retain Special Counsel to the Board, who may serve as the District's General Counsel, to advise on legal matters affecting the Board. The Board may utilize Special Counsel to the Board, in lieu of or in addition to internal counsel, to provide representation and advice to the Board at Board meetings.

The Board President is authorized to request Special Counsel to the Board to attend Board meetings or issue opinions. Special Counsel to the Board shall only be compensated for attending a Board meeting if their presence is requested in writing by the Board President.

Special counsel to the Board shall be responsible and report directly to the Board as a whole. Although Special Counsel to the Board reports directly to the Board, the attorney(s) shall coordinate and work with the General Manager, internal counsel, and/or other TRWD staff as appropriate to coordinate and enhance the quality of legal services provided to the Board.

10.4 Director Requests for Services from Special Counsel to the Board. Directors may make requests for legal services from Special Counsel to the Board in writing to the Board President. Upon receipt of an appropriate request for legal services from a Board member, the Board President may request that Special Counsel to the Board perform the service or issue the opinion. If the Board President receives an identical or substantially similar request for legal services from Special Counsel to the Board from two or more Directors, the request must be forwarded to Special Counsel to the Board for action within a reasonable timeframe. Opinions by Special Counsel to the Board not provided during a Board meeting shall be issued in writing and delivered to all Directors.

10.5 External Counsel. Beginning at the latest January 1, 2022 and every three years after that, the Board, through the General Manager, shall publish a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for all external counsel, which includes Special Counsel to the Board. The General Manager in consultation and coordination with the executive and leadership teams shall review all responses to the RFQ and present a list to the Board recommending the candidates deemed best qualified to provide external legal services to TRWD. The Board may adopt, reject, or amend the list of recommended external counsel.

The General Manager or in-house counsel, in consultation with the General Manager, shall have the ability to retain external counsel for TRWD in legal matters based on the list of external counsel approved by the Board.

External Counsel will report directly to the General Manager or in-house counsel, but is also responsible for reporting to the Board as requested. Special Counsel to the Board selected under the RFQ process shall report directly to the Board.

10.6 Attorney-Client Privilege. Communication with all legal counsel, whether internal counsel, Special Counsel to the Board, or external counsel, is considered confidential if it is not intended to be disclosed to third persons other than those to whom the disclosure is made in furtherance of the rendition of professional legal services to the District and/or the Board or those reasonably necessary for the transmission of the communication. The attorney-client privilege belongs to the Board, as a whole, and the privilege may not be waived except by the Board, as a whole. Any unauthorized disclosure of an attorney-client communication is strictly prohibited.