



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Members of the ICOC

**FROM:** Dr. C. Randal Mills, President of CIRM

**RE:** **Item 16:** Consideration of FY 2015/2016 Contract with Remcho, Johansen & Purcell, LLP

**DATE:** July 15, 2015

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Remcho, Johansen & Purcell, LLP (“Remcho”), has represented governmental and private clients in the governmental arena for 30 years. James Harrison, the managing partner in the firm, was one of the lawyers who assisted in researching and drafting Proposition 71 (“Prop 71”), passed by California voters in November 2004, and has served as Board Counsel since that time.

In May of 2014, the Board approved a contract budget for the Remcho firm in the amount of \$500,000, which later was augmented to provide an additional \$100,000 in light of the departure of CIRM’s General Counsel and Senior Counsel to International Programs, positions that comprised over \$500,000 of salary in the legal budget. Mr. Harrison was appointed General Counsel and assumed those duties in July of 2014, which are in addition to ongoing responsibilities as Board Counsel. Based on estimates of the current burn rate, the proposed contract amount for FY 2015/2016 is \$575,000.

**Proposal:**

- Execute a contract for Remcho, Johansen & Purcell, Fiscal Year 2015-2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and concluding June 30, 2016, at a contract amount of \$575,000.