

2024 Critical Needs County Attorney's Office

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Strategic Plan Objectives Supported By Critical Needs Request

- Service Quality -
 - Ensures continued timely and highquality legal support in development and related matters.



Operating Indicators – Litigation and Employment

Litigation

- Civil litigation filings have been extremely high for the past four years.
- 2019 Filings: 37
- 2020 Filings: 48
- 2021 Filings: 51
- 2022 Filings: 113
- 2023 YTD Filings: 31
- * Increased proportion of high effort/high profile litigation as well.



Operating Indicators – Litigation and Employment

Employment Hearings (termination appeals, unemployment hearings, EEOC/CCRD Charges)

- · 2021 23
- 2022 15
- 2023 YTD 24

Code Enforcement

- 2021 (Abatement + Litigation): 32
- 2022 (Abatement + Litigation): 32
- 2023 YTD (Abatement + Litigation + Demolition): 29

2020 Retirement of long-time transactional attorney; position reconfigured to assist with litigation and employment.



Operating Indicators – Code Enforcement

Abatements

· 2022: 12

2023: 8

Code Litigation

2022: Active - 9 Completed - 15

• 2023: Active – 32 Completed – 22



Transactional Matters

The County's land use, water, real estate, assessment, and other infrastructure-related transactional matters have remained steady.

The County Attorney's Office continues to provide review of files assigned within eDARP. Attorney review is required for items within the following file types, often requiring multiple reviews in the same calendar year: AASI, AL, EX, ID, MS, PUD, PUDSP, SF, SKP, SP, VA and VR.

Water Reviews completed:

2021: 39

2022: 29

2023 YTD: 26



Two Transactional Positions Currently Combined

POSITION 1	POSITION 2			
Planning	Planning			
 Advise BOA and attend meetings 	 Advise PC and attend meetings 			
 Advise PC and attend meetings 	 Attend BoCC land use hearings 			
 Attend BoCC land use hearings 	 Water sufficiency reviews 			
 Draft and review several types of land use 	 1041 regulations and applications 			
agreements	 Draft and review several types of land use 			
 Draft and review regulations and ordinances 	agreements			
 Legal advice to staff 	 Draft and review regulations 			
Special Districts, PIDs, LIDs	Legal advice to staff			
Public Works	Public Works			
 MS4 permit and stormwater drainage 	 ROW acquisition for capital projects 			
 ROW related to new development 	 Draft and review contracts and IGAs 			
 Draft and review contracts and IGAs 	 Draft and review regulations and policies 			
 Draft and review regulations and policies 	Legal advice to staff			
 Legal advice to staff 	Environmental Services			
Public Health	 Conservation easements 			
 Advise Board of Health and attend meetings 	 Wetlands management 			
 Draft and review contracts and MOUs 	Real estate transactions			
 Draft and review resolutions 				
 Draft and review regulations and policies 				
 Legal advice to staff 				



Critical Needs and Justification

- Seeking one transactional attorney to support ongoing/increasing County needs.
- Demand for litigation and code enforcement anticipated to continue.
- Continuing need for land, water, real estate, support of Countywide elected officials, and general transactional support requires an additional attorney.



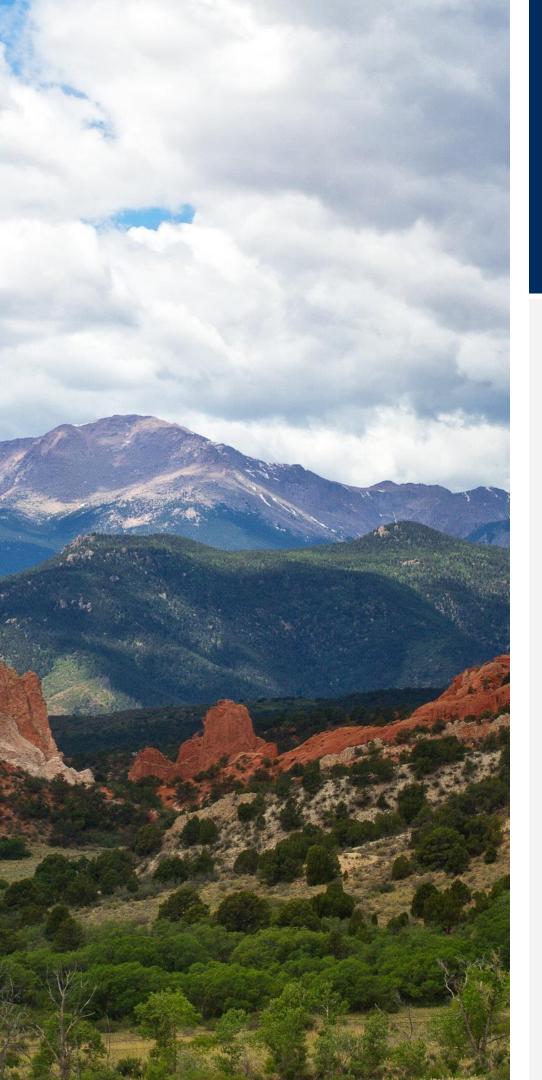
Base Budget & Critical Needs

<u>Description</u>	-	2024 Base Budget	2024 Critical eeds/Requests	2024 PBB
General Fund	\$	1,601,921	\$ 170,710	\$ 1,772,631
Restricted Funding	\$	4,467,392	\$ -	\$ 4,467,392
Total Budgeted Funding	\$	6,069,313	\$ 170,710	\$ 6,240,023

Funding Request 2024 On going:

Land Use/Transactional Attorney (1 FTE)







Questions?