



Tri-City board hires its third staff counsel in 5 months



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OCEANSIDE – The Tri-City Healthcare District has hired a new general counsel, its third in five months.

Gregory Moser of Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch, which has offices in San Diego and Carlsbad, was selected by the public hospital district's board Thursday.

Moser, who will be paid \$305 an hour, has been advising the district on the refinancing of its high-interest bonds. The board will finalize the contract Thursday, district CEO Larry Anderson said.

Moser replaces Julie Biggs of the firm Burke, Williams and Sorensen, who was appointed interim general counsel Dec. 18.

On that same day, four members of Tri-City's seven-member governing board ousted its former general counsel – Best, Best & Krieger – and placed the district's president and chief executive, Arthur Gonzalez, and seven other administrators on leave.

Those administrators have since been let go. The district paid Gonzalez more than \$1 million in cash and benefits to settle legal claims he filed protesting his ouster.

The taxpayer-supported health district covers most of Oceanside, Vista and Carlsbad.

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