

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD**  
**HELD IN ROOM 648 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,**  
**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

**ON**

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2005, AT 8:00 AM**

Present: Chairperson Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield and John Krattli

**The following items were presented to the Claims Board for consideration and the Board took actions as indicated in bold.**

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.

**No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.**

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).
  - a. Ramia S. v. County of Los Angeles  
Van Nuys Superior Court Case No. LC 069 021

This lawsuit seeks compensation for dog bite injuries sustained by a child while in a foster home under the supervision of the Department of Children and Family Services.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$25,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**[See Supporting Document](#)**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

b. Claim of Ken Estes

This claim arises from a requirement by the Department of Parks and Recreation that a property developer in Acton provide an equestrian trail as part of its development.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,056 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**[See Supporting Document](#)**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

c. Ricardo Oliva v. County of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC 018 181

This lawsuit arises from a Sheriff's deputy-involved shooting.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**[See Supporting Document](#)**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- d. Metropolitan News Company v. Steve Cooley  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 286 990

This matter concerns allegations that the District Attorney's Office served an invalid search warrant and made libelous statements.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**See Supporting Document**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- e. Arthur Ellerd v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV 05-1211;  
Tammy Le v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV 05-4200

These matters seek damages for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act by the Department of Community and Senior Services.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,475,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Community and Senior Services' budget.**

**See Supporting Document**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- f. Pamela Miller v. Department of Public Works  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 328 844

This matter concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public Works was subjected to racial and sexual harassment.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above-settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- g. Diane Lee v. Department of PublicWorks, et al.  
DFEH Case Nos. 200405H0721-00-rsc and E200405H0721-01-rsc;  
EEOC Charge No. 340-2005-00236

This matter concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public Works was subjected to racial and sexual harassment.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$265,000 plus attorney's fees of \$15,675.23 and potential future counseling costs not to exceed \$20,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

**The Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Item No. 3 above.**

4. Approval of minutes for the meeting of the Claims Board of June 20, 2005.

**Action Taken:**

**The Minutes for the meeting of June 20, 2005, were approved.**

**[See Supporting Document](#)**

Absent:       None

Vote:         Unanimously carried

6. Items not on the posted agenda, to be referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a further meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

**No such matters were discussed.**

7. Adjournment.