

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, APRIL 21, 2008, AT 8:00 AM

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

The following items were presented to the Claims Board for consideration and the Claims 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. The County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District v. Sasak Corporation, Amrut Patel, Sita Patel
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 362 478

This lawsuit concerns damage to a County road and Flood Control District drainage facilities in the vicinity of the City of Diamond Bar.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter whereby the County will received \$40,000.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Clarence Kersey, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Lancaster Superior Court Case No. MC 017 214

This dangerous condition lawsuit seeks compensation for wrongful death and personal injuries arising from a vehicle accident on Sierra Highway in the Antelope Valley.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$249,999.99 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

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- c. Michelle Gillespie v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 375 385

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Sheriff's Department was subjected to sexual harassment and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$85,000.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- d. Migliaccio & Welsh v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 317 071

This lawsuit concerns allegations that two employees of the Probation Department were subjected to workplace harassment.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$195,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Probation Department.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- e. California Department of Health Services, Sandra Shewry v. County of Los Angeles
(This settlement is for twenty-one lawsuits or claims)

This lawsuit concerns the payment to the State of California of Medi-Cal liens asserted in medical-malpractice cases filed against the County.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$750,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Document](#)

- f. Courtney T. v. Los Angeles Unified School District and Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
California Special Education Hearing Office -
Case No. N2007060256

This case concerns allegations of deprivation of educational rights and mental health services by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

Action Taken:

This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- g. Gonzalo Salgado v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 357 368

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Fire Department was subjected to employment discrimination and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$300,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Fire Department.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- h. Sharyl Rene Beebe v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SC 094 597

This lawsuit seeks compensation for personal injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident involving an employee of the Fire Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$125,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Fire Department.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

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.

5. Approval of the Minutes for the April 7, 2008, meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Minutes for the April 7, 2008, meeting of the Claims Board were approved.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Document](#)

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.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	The County of Los Angeles and The Los Angeles County Flood Control District v. Sasak Corporation, Amrut Patel, Sita Patel
CASE NUMBER	Case No. BC 362 478
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court, Central District
DATE FILED	November 28, 2006
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	Accept payment of \$40,000
ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT	Swati Desai (714) 634-8808
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Carole B. Suzuki Senior Associate County Counsel (213) 974-7796
NATURE OF CASE	<p>The County of Los Angeles ("County") and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("District") filed this action against Sasak Corporation, Amrut Patel and Sita Patel ("Patels") for negligence, trespass and nuisance for damage resulting from a February 2005 landslide on the Patel property. The landslide caused damage to the County's Morning Sun Drive and the District's related drainage improvements. Subsequent to the landslide, the Patels sold their property to Lewis Homes/JCC ("Lewis"). Lewis has now repaired Morning Sun Drive and the District's improvements, which the County estimated would cost \$300,000. The remaining claim by the County and District is for emergency repair and monitoring costs. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation and the substantial costs of proceeding to trial, the parties have agreed to the proposed settlement.</p>

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$41,950.00
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$768.30

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	<u>Kersey v. County of Los Angeles</u>
CASE NUMBER	MC017214
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court (Lancaster)
DATED FILED	04/13/2006
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$249,999.99
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John Bisnar, Esq. Bisnar and Chase (949) 752-2999
DEFENSE COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Doug Fee, Esq. Collins, Collins, Muir and Stewart (626) 243-1100
NATURE OF CASE	This is a dangerous condition of public property lawsuit brought by Clarence and Mary Kersey, who seek damages for the death of their son, Kevin Kersey, who sustained fatal injuries in an automobile accident which occurred on May 20, 2005. Michael McKell is also a plaintiff in this lawsuit, and he seeks damages for personal injuries he sustained in the accident. The accident occurred on Sierra Highway .3 mile north of its intersection with Ave D in the Antelope Valley. This location is in unincorporated County territory near the Kern County border. Decedent Kevin Kersey, 19 years of age, was driving his Nissan Sentra northbound on Sierra Highway. At this location, Sierra Highway has one lane of travel for northbound and southbound traffic, with a transition lane for

northbound traffic in and around the intersection with Ave D. The accident occurred when Kevin Kersey was in the process of passing a semi-truck and was unable to complete the maneuver in the passing lane when he ran off the pavement and drove onto the dirt shoulder. He lost control, and the vehicle overturned. His nephew, Michael McKell, 10 years of age, was a passenger in the vehicle and sustained personal injuries. Kevin Kersey was pronounced dead at the scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics. Michael McKell was treated by paramedics then flown to Children's Hospital of Los Angeles for treatment of a fractured right wrist, cuts and abrasions.

Plaintiffs claim that the roadway was in a dangerous condition and that the condition was a cause of the accident. Specifically, they allege that the transition lane ended without warning signs or pavement markings and further complain that the length of the transition lane is inadequate for roadway conditions.

This case was mediated twice, on March 14, 2007, and again on December 19, 2007. The proposed settlement is the result of the December mediation. Due to the risks and uncertainties of the litigation, the Department of Public Works, Carl Warren and Company, County Counsel and the County's defense counsel recommend acceptance of the settlement in the amount of \$249,999.99

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$76,398
PAID, COSTS, TO DATE	\$19,100



Summary Corrective Action Plan
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works



The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Lawsuit Date of incident/event:	Kersey May 20, 2005
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>Kevin Kersey 19 years old on the date of the incident, and his nephew Michael McKell age 10, were traveling in a 1988 Datsun Sentra. Kersey was driving them from Lancaster to Kern County on Sierra Highway at approximately 3:15 PM. While approaching Avenue D, Kersey attempted to pass a passenger vehicle and a tractor trailer on the right using a transitional second northbound lane.</p> <p>Prior to completely passing the tractor trailer, the transitional lane ended resulting in him driving onto the dirt shoulder where he lost control of his vehicle. The Sentra came back onto the roadway in front of the tractor trailer, but then went back off the roadway and overturned.</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause of the claim/lawsuit:

- 1) Kersey's failure to judge both speed and distance led him into committing to a ill-advised passing maneuver.
- 2) Presence of a transitional right lane.

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Summary Corrective Action Plan

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

1) In October 2006 Public Works removed the transitional right northbound lane.
2) In December 2007, Public Works completed a reconstruction project, which included the resurfacing of the roadway at the incident location. The location no longer has the right northbound lane and includes edge line striping on the east and west sides of the roadway along with other enhancements.

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:
(If unsure, please contact the Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch for assistance)

- Potentially has County-wide implications.
- Potentially has implications to other departments (i.e., all human services, all safety departments, or one or more other departments).
- Does not appear to have County-wide or other department implications.

Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator) <i>Pat Proano</i> Pat Proano	Date: <i>3/13/08</i>
Signature: (Director) <i>Dean E. Efstathiou</i> Dean E. Efstathiou (Acting Director)	Date: <i>3/20/08</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

LAWSUIT OF: Clarence Kersey et al.

INCIDENT DATE: May 20, 2005

INCIDENT LOCATION: Sierra Highway, 0.3 mi north of Avenue D
Unincorporated County

RISK ISSUE:

Alleged dangerous condition of the roadway due the failure of Public Works to provide adequate design and warnings which created a trap condition. The County is liable for the dangerous condition of its property due to inadequate design and lack of appropriate signage.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW:

Sierra Highway is a two-lane north-south rural road with one travel lane in each direction. On Sierra Highway there is a painted median at the intersection of Avenue D extending from the intersection 550 feet north and 480 feet south. For northbound travel the painted median terminates in a left turn pocket for travel onto Avenue D. At approximately 700 feet south of Avenue D begins a second northbound lane. The two northbound lanes are separated by a single dashed white stripping and the two lanes continue to approximately 400 feet north of Avenue D where the stripping stops. At this point there is an additional 150 feet transition as the right lane transitions back to a single lane at the end of the painted median. There are no pavement markings or signage denoting the start or end of the right northbound lane.

Kevin Kersey 19 years old on the date of the incident, and his nephew Michael McKell age 10, were traveling in a 1988 Datsun Sentra. Kersey was driving them from Lancaster to Kern County on Sierra Highway at approximately 3:15 PM. While approaching Avenue D, Kersey attempted to pass two other vehicles on the right using the second northbound lane, first a passenger vehicle and second a tractor trailer. Kersey's failure to judge both speed and distance led him into committing to pass the tractor trailer resulting in him driving onto the dirt shoulder where he lost control of his vehicle. The Sentra came back onto the roadway in front of the tractor trailer, but then went back off the roadway and overturned. Kersey was wearing a shoulder belt but died at the scene. McKell suffered a broken wrist, cuts and abrasions and has since recovered from his injuries.

POLICY ISSUES:

At the time of the accident the incident area was part of a resurfacing project "Avenue E Et Al" RDC0013756. In March 2004 the original signing and striping plan for Sierra Highway and Avenue D was revised as part of the project. The revised plan called for enhanced signing and striping along the right northbound lane of Sierra Highway. The

enhancements included the addition of lane reduction arrows at three locations in the right lane to notify motorists to merge into the left lane and the installation of a lane merging sign north of Avenue D and a "Lane Ends Merge Left" sign further north and prior to the end of the right lane. The project was delayed due to a change in the scope of work, whereby the project was reclassified from a resurfacing project to a reconstruction project. This resulted in a larger project and required further study.


Following the subject incident (May 2005), an investigation was conducted and the March 2004 signing and striping plan was reevaluated. Removal of the rightmost northbound lane was recommended along with alternate signing, striping and pavement marking provisions on Sierra Highway at Avenue D. This plan was finalized in August 2006 and approved in September 2006. The revised plan called for the removal of the rightmost northbound lane on Sierra Highway between 410 feet north of Avenue D to 680 feet south of Avenue D. The plan was implemented in October 2006.

With the Reconstruction Project (RDC0013756) moving forward the signing and striping plan was again revised. The new plan dated December 2006 called for additional enhancements to the striping and pavement markings at the intersection of Sierra Highway and Avenue D including edge line striping along the east and west sides of Sierra Highway as well as enhancements to the north and south approaches of Sierra Highway, as well as the west approach of Avenue D. The project was completed in December 2007.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

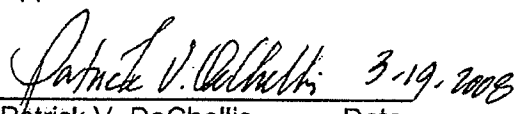
1. In October 2006 Public Works removed the right northbound lane of Sierra Highway between 680 feet south of Avenue D and 410 feet north of Avenue D.
2. In December 2007, Public Works completed Reconstruction Project, "Avenue E Et Al" RDC0013756", which included the resurfacing of Sierra Highway at the incident location. The location no longer has the right northbound lane and includes edge line striping on the east and west sides of Sierra Highway along with other enhancements.

Reviewed & Recommended



William H. Higley Date
Deputy Director

Approved



Patrick V. DeChellis Date
Deputy Director

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	California Department of Health Services ("CA-DHS"), Sandra Shewry v. County of Los Angeles ("County"), et al.
CASE NUMBER	This is a mediated settlement of twenty-one lawsuits or claims
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	The filing dates of 21 cases
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	County Counsel
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$750,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	California State Attorney's Office
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Deputy County Counsel (213) 974-1864
NATURE OF CASE	This is a dispute over the amount that the County should pay CA-DHS, as a part of the County's obligation to pay the Medi-Cal liens in 21 underlying medical malpractice settlements, wherein the County has agreed to assume the Medi-Cal lien.

The parties had a disagreement about the interpretation of California Welfare and Institutions Code section 14124.78. The main legal issue in these cases was to determine the plaintiffs' net recovery in view of the Medi-Cal lien. The disagreement was whether the amount of the Medi-Cal lien should be considered as a part of the plaintiffs' net recovery.

The parties conducted extensive legal research and after holding several settlement negotiations, agreed to settle all of the 21 cases for a total amount of \$750,000. CA-DHS had claimed approximately \$1.5 million for these cases. Acceptance of this overall settlement will resolve this long standing dispute between the parties and will establish a framework for the resolution of future cases and avoid ongoing litigation over the issue.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$369,416
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$48,783.14

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	SHARYL RENE BEEBE
CASE NUMBER	SC094597
COURT	SANTA MONICA
DATE FILED	JULY 7, 2007
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	FIRE
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$125,000.00
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	BRENT STEPHEN MERRITT
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JOSEPH A. LANGTON
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On December 12, 2006, at approximately 1:45 p.m., plaintiff Sharyl Beebe was in the number three southbound lane on Pacific Coast Highway approaching the McClure tunnel.</p> <p>Ms. Beebe was traveling behind a vehicle which stopped to make a right hand turn into a beach parking lot. Once the vehicle in front of Ms. Beebe completed its turn, Ms. Beebe began to accelerate. At that time, she was rear-ended by the County Fire employee. The employee was driving in the course and scope of his employment. His speed was at</p>

approximately 25-30 miles per hour on impact.

Ms. Beebe's vehicle sustained rear end damage in the amount of \$6,110.00.

Among other physical injuries, Ms. Beebe's left elbow and arm hit the driver door jam as her body moved backwards in the collision. She was taken via ambulance to St. John's Health Center where she was diagnosed with mild trapezial tenderness. In the days thereafter, Ms. Beebe developed additional pain, including, but not limited to cervical and lumbar spine, left ankle and post-concussion syndrome. She also developed pain to her left elbow as well as numbness and tingling in her pinky and ring fingers. As a result, Ms. Beebe underwent left ulnar nerve transposition and left medial epicondylectomy surgery on July 6, 2007.

Ms. Beebe's special medicals totaled \$59,831.00. Her property damage claim totaled \$6,110.00.

The Santa Monica Police Department's December 12, 2006 report held that the Fire employee was the primary collision factor and in violation of Vehicle Code section 21703, for following Ms. Beebe's automobile too closely.

Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, the County of Los Angeles Fire Department proposes a full and final settlement of the case against the County by tendering a lump sum payment in the amount of \$125,000.00.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE

\$18,276.43

PAID COSTS, TO DATE

\$5,770.44



Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	December 12, 2006
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>A Fire Department utility driver for the Lifeguard Division was traveling southbound on Pacific Coast Hwy near California Ave. following the plaintiff, Ms. Beebe. A car in front of Ms. Beebe slowed to turn into a beach parking lot, causing her to come to a complete stop. As she was beginning to move forward again, the Department vehicle was unable to stop in time and rear-ended Ms. Beebe at approximately 25 – 30 mph.</p> <p>The plaintiff apparently sustained some minor, soft tissue injuries and an elbow bruise which were identified at the time of the accident. She was transported to the hospital. At a later date she was diagnosed with ulnar nerve entrapment which required surgical release. The IME retained by the County stated that the release surgery was necessary because she apparently developed scarring in the region of the cubital tunnel from the contusion to the left elbow at the time of this traffic accident. The physician felt this was not an uncommon cause of a condition such as hers.</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause of the claim/lawsuit:

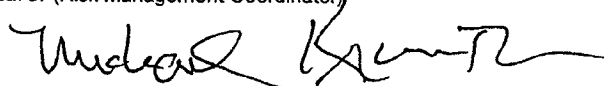
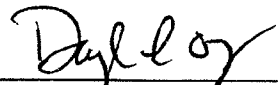
The Fire Department driver failed to maintain a safe distance between his vehicle and the plaintiff's vehicle in front of him which did not allow him adequate time to stop and avoid the accident.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

<p>1. The employee was issued a Request for Written Statement on December 13, 2006, the day after the accident. After receiving that statement the employee was issued a Notice of Instruction indicating the requirement for him to adhere to Fire Department Standards of Behavior. Completed: December 29, 2006 Responsible Party: Assistant Lifeguard Chief Disciplinary Action: Notice of Instruction</p> <p>2. The employee participated in the Fire Department training for utility drivers. This was a 9 hour course which included the topics; Defensive and Safe Driving and Accident Prevention and Reporting. Completed: June 19, 2007 Responsible Party: Fire Department Training Section</p> <p>3. The Department employee will be required to undergo the additional training of attending a 4 hour Recruit Defensive Driving lecture at the training academy in Pomona. Expected Completion: April 4, 2008 Responsible Party: Fire Department Training Section; Assistant Lifeguard Chief</p> <p>4. The employee will undergo a 4 hour "behind the wheel" driving session with the Department's DMV Coordinator. Expected Completion: May 1, 2008 Responsible Party: Fire Department Training Section; Assistant Lifeguard Chief</p>

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:
(if unsure, please contact the Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch for assistance)

- Potentially has County-wide implications.
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- Does not appear to have County-wide or other department implications.

Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator) 	Date: 3/28/08
Signature: (Department Head) 	Date: 04/01/08

County of Los Angeles Fire Department**Corrective Action Plan**

Lawsuit: Beebe v. Gonzales, et al.
Claim No: 07-1050505
Date of Incident: December 12, 2006
Location of Incident: Pacific Coast Hwy., Santa Monica

Incident Summary:

The County employee is a Fire Department utility driver for the Lifeguard Division. He was traveling southbound on Pacific Coast Hwy near California Ave. following the plaintiff, Ms. Beebe. A car in front of Ms. Beebe slowed to turn into a beach parking lot, causing her to come to a complete stop. As she was beginning to move forward again, the Department vehicle was unable to stop in time and rear-ended Ms. Beebe at approximately 25 – 30 mph.

Ms. Beebe apparently sustained some minor, soft tissue injuries and an elbow bruise which were identified at the time of the accident. She was transported to the hospital. At a later date she was diagnosed with ulnar nerve entrapment which required surgical release. The IME retained by the County stated that the release surgery was necessary because, "Ms. Beebe apparently developed scarring in the region of the cubital tunnel from a contusion to the left elbow at the time of this traffic accident. This is not an uncommon mechanism for the development of traumatic cubital tunnel syndrome."

Risk Management Issues:

Issue #1 – This employee failed to maintain adequate distance between his vehicle and the plaintiff's vehicle which would have allowed him to stop in time. Employees driving Department vehicles are required to drive in a safe manner at all times and maintain adequate distance from other vehicles.

Corrective Action Summary

1. The Assistant Lifeguard Chief issued a Request for Written Statement to the Department employee on December 13, 2006, the day after the accident. After receiving that statement, the employee was issued a Notice of Instruction indicating the requirement for him to adhere to Fire Department Standards of Behavior.

Completed: December 29, 2006

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- 2. The employee participated in the Fire Department training for utility drivers. This was a 9 hour course which included the topics; Defensive and Safe Driving and Accident Prevention and Reporting.

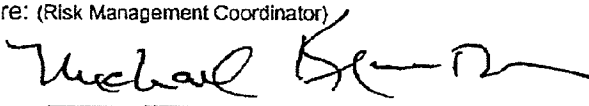
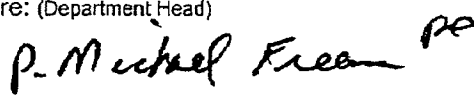
Completed: June 19, 2007

- 3. The Department employee will be required to undergo the additional training of attending a 4 hour Recruit Defensive Driving lecture at the training academy in Pomona.

Expected Completion: April 4, 2008

- 4. The employee will undergo a 4 hour "behind the wheel" driving session with the Department's DMV Coordinator.

Expected Completion: May 1, 2008

Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator) 	Date: 4/9/08
Signature: (Department Head) 	Date: 04/10/08



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 7, 2008

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:05 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield and John F. Krattli; Office of the County Counsel: Roger Granbo, Narbeh Bagdasarian, and Stephen Morris; Office of Affirmative Action: Hayward Harris; Department of Health Services: Dr. Hall, Nicholas Testa, Debbie McClean, and Brenda Doyle; Probation Department: Robert Smythe and Tracy Jordon-Johnson; Department of Public Health: Jim Day; Sheriff's Department: Lt. Stacy Lee, Lt. Stephen Smith; Lt. Patrick Hunter, and Shaun Mathers; Outside Counsel: Peter Shahriari Law Offices of David J. Weiss.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:14 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 10:03 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. Jerry Thomas v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 361 432

This lawsuit concerns allegations of the use of excessive force by a Sheriff's Deputy.

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- b. Ronald Verdekel, Estate of Heidi Verdekel, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
U.S. District Court Case No. CB 06-01518 JFW

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from medical treatment provided at the Los Angeles County Jail and LAC+USC Medical Center.

This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- c. Ramon Martin Garcia v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 332 410

This medical negligence lawsuit arises from treatment received by a patient while hospitalized at LAC+USC Medical Center.

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$950,000, plus the assumption of the Medi-Cal lien in the amount of \$424,166.25 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- d. Daniella Sanders v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 361 113

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of a temporary contract agency was sexually harassed by an employee of the Probation Department.

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$195,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Probation Department's budget.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- e. Paul Husson v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 357 368

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public Health was subjected to discrimination and retaliation.

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$275,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Health's budget.

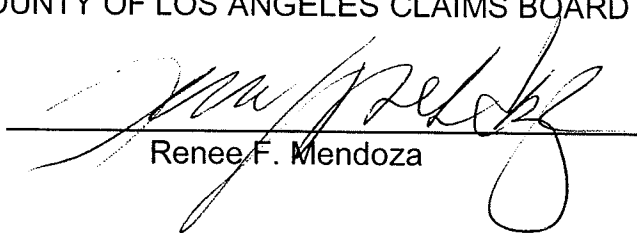
The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

Minutes for the March 3, 2008, meeting of the Claims Board and the Minutes for the March 24, 2008, special meeting of the Claims Board were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Renee F. Mendoza", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Renee F. Mendoza