

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN ROOM 651 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

ON

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 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. Laura Delgado v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. LC 078 918

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee of the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

This Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$25,000.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- b. Pierce v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 038 126; and
Pierce v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 040 902

These lawsuits concern allegations that drainage facilities maintained by the Department of Public Works contributed to flooding which damaged a plant nursery.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$175,000 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

See Supporting Documents

- c. Francisco Ijarro aka Francisco Guijarro, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 377 079

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient who was being transferred from LAC+USC Medical Center to White Memorial Medical Center.

Action Taken:

This Claims Board continued this item.

See Supporting Documents

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- d. Spencer B. v. William S. Hart Union High School and Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Case No. N2007110747

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

Action Taken:

This Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$23,496.60.

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 July 21, 2008, meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Minutes for the July 21, 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	<u>Laura Delgado v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u>
CASE NUMBER	LC078918
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court Northwest District
DATE FILED	August 24, 2007
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$25,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Barry S. Bernstein Barry S. Bernstein, A Professional Corporation (818) 986-9060
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Ann M. Aguilar Deputy County Counsel (213) 974-1839
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On May 16, 2006, on-duty Sheriff's Deputy Luis Salazar was in a marked patrol car in the intersection of Oxnard Street and Owensmouth Avenue, in Woodland Hills, waiting to make a left turn from eastbound Oxnard Street to northbound Owensmouth Avenue. At the same time, Ms. Delgado was westbound on Oxnard Street, approaching the intersection at the posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour. As Deputy Salazar began his left turn, Ms. Delgado's car broadsided his patrol car.</p> <p>Three independent witnesses confirmed that Deputy Salazar did not have lights or</p>

sirens engaged at the time he began his left turn, and that it appeared Ms. Delgado did not have time to avoid the collision. Ms. Delgado's vehicle was a total loss.

Immediately after the collision, Ms. Delgado was transported by ambulance to the West Hills Hospital and Medical Center with a concussion, heavy bruising from seat belt rub and complaints of pain in numerous areas. She was examined, X-rayed and prescribed pain medication. One to two weeks later, she followed up with an orthopedist, complaining of pain in her chest, neck, right shoulder, pelvis, and cervical spine. After receiving regular cortisone injections in the shoulder and treating with a chiropractor for about four months, most of her injuries resolved. However, she continues to have residual pain in her right breast and shoulder.

The traffic collision report found Deputy Salazar at fault for the collision for failing to yield the right of way when making a left turn.

Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, the County Counsel proposes a full and final settlement of this case in the amount of \$25,000.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$19,339.88
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$2,187.63

Summary Corrective Action Plan



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Date of incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Laura Delgado v. County of Los Angeles</u> (Summary Corrective Action Plan #2008-009)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, May 16, 2006; 1:40 p.m.</p>
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>On Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at approximately 1:40 p.m., a Los Angeles County deputy sheriff was on duty and driving a standard black and white patrol vehicle east on Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills (city of Los Angeles).</p> <p>The deputy sheriff was in the left turn lane waiting for traffic to clear to proceed north on Owensmouth Avenue. As he entered the intersection, his patrol vehicle was struck by a vehicle (plaintiff) traveling west on Oxnard Street.</p>

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

The deputy sheriff failed to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic.

The plaintiff complained of pain to her neck, chest, back, and hips. She was transported to a local hospital and released. The plaintiff was diagnosed with a concussion and (heavy) bruising brought about by her vehicle's safety restraint system.

The plaintiff asserts that she continues to experience discomfort in her right breast and shoulder.

The plaintiff's vehicle was a total loss.

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

Three independent witnesses confirmed the deputy sheriff had not activated his patrol vehicle's emergency lights or siren prior to the traffic collision. They stated that it did not appear as if the plaintiff could have avoided the traffic collision. The Los Angeles Police Department's traffic collision investigation established that the deputy sheriff caused this traffic collision.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's administrative review concluded the deputy sheriff violated established policies and/or procedures. Appropriate administrative action against the deputy sheriff was taken.

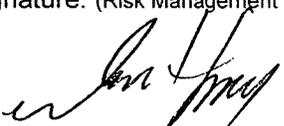
A full and final settlement at this time will avoid further litigation expenses and a potential jury verdict which may exceed the recommended settlement amount.

RECOMMENDED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT: \$25,000.

This summary corrective action plan has no countywide implications (refer to #3 below).

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:
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- Potentially has County-wide implications.
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Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator)  David J. Long, Captain Risk Management Bureau	Date: 6-12-08
Signature: (Department Head)  Paul K. Tanaka Assistant Sheriff	Date: 6-12-08

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Pierce v. County of Los Angeles and Pierce v. State of California
CASE NUMBER	PC 038 126 and PC 040 902
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATES FILED	January 18, 2006 and June 22, 2007
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	Department of Public Works and Flood Control District
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$175,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John Howard Law Offices of John Howard (805) 644-5894
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Rosa Linda Cruz Deputy County Counsel (213) 974-7680
NATURE OF CASE	<p>These are dangerous condition of public property and inverse condemnation lawsuits arising out of the flooding of the plaintiffs' plant nursery on January 9, 2005, in Castaic, California. Plaintiffs allege that County and District drains became clogged and caused flooding of the plant nursery and millions of dollars in lost profits, lost inventory, lost sales and property damage.</p> <p>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	\$367,760.21 in in-house legal fees
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$121,000.00 in costs and expert fees



Summary Corrective Action Plan

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works



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Lawsuit: Date of incident/event:	Pierce/Plant Warehouse January 9, 2005
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>On January 9, 2005 a heavy rainfall occurred following several other heavy rainfalls from late December 2004 to early January 2005. The event washed out, flooded or closed roads and was declared a State and Federal Disaster.</p> <p>The heavy rainfall on January 9, 2005 caused a berm failure on private property resulting in a large mudflow onto The Old Road. The flow combined with debris that included plants and landscaping material from "Plant Warehouse" plugged the catch basin across from the Pierces property along The Old Road. The mud and debris then flowed onto The Old Road and damaged the Pierces property and other property downstream on along The Old Road.</p>

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

The cause of the lawsuit was an exceptional storm event that overwelmed the system. There was no reasonable way to prevent the flooding. The culvert was designed to carry flow only and was a self cleaning system. It was not designed to transport debris resulting from the failed berm and other material collected in the flow.

The I-5 freeway is adjacent and parallel to The Old Road. Maintenance for portions of the culverts under the I-5 freeway has always been understood to be Caltrans responsibility. The remaining upstream portions under The Old Road are the responsibility of the Department of Public Works. There was some confusion witin Public Works as to precise limits of responsibility between the Flood Control District (Flood Maintenance Division) and the Road Maintenance Division. This confusion arose as a result of the initial Caltrans relinquishment of The Old Road, which included most of the associated drainage structures and the subsequent modifications.

Road Maintenance Division carries out annual inspections of all road drain inlets prior to the storm season and follows up with maintenance if sedimentation at the drain exceeds 20% of the opening. The inlet across from the Pierces property was inspected in October 2004 by Public Works. For 25 years the road drains in front of the plant nursery were maintained in this fashion and never failed. Although the facilities were inspected by Road Maintenance Division there were no recorded records of the inspections which weakened our position in the lawsuit.

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 Summary Corrective Action Plan

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

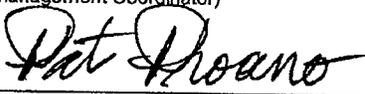
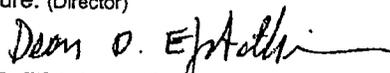
No corrective actions are required, the flooding was solely the result of an exceptional storm event. Public Works is undertaking the following actions to strengthen its record keeping for similar lawsuit defense.

On October 15, 2007, Road and Flood Maintenance Divisions completed a joint review of all drainage facilities along The Old Road, from Weldon Canyon Road on the south to Victoria Road on the north. They identified the appropriate entity for maintenance responsibility for each section of culvert and storm drain and have recorded into their respective facility records.

For the annual inspection of road drain inlets prior to the storm season Road Maintenance Division will record and retain in their facility records the dates when the facilities are inspected. The recording of dates will begin with the 2008 storm season in selected Maintenance Districts and be fully implemented throughout all Maintenance Districts for the 2009 storm season.

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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Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator)	Date:
Pat Proano 	7/28/08
Signature: (Director)	Date:
Dean D. Efstathiou  Dean D. Efstathiou (Acting Director)	7/28/08

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

LAWSUIT OF: Pierce, James & Janet (Plant Warehouse)

INCIDENT DATE: January 9, 2005

INCIDENT LOCATION: 30811-30817 The Old Road, Castaic

RISK ISSUE:

The County is liable for the dangerous condition of its property due to negligent maintenance and inverse condemnation when a public works project operating as designed and constructed causes damage to private property. A public entity found liable in inverse condemnation is responsible for the plaintiff's attorney's fees and litigation costs.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW:

On January 9, 2005 a heavy rainfall occurred following several other heavy rainfalls from late December 2004 to early January 2005 that had already saturated the soil. Several roads were washed out, flooded, or closed and the rainstorm was declared a State and Federal Disaster. The heavy rainfall on January 9, 2005 caused a large mudflow from adjacent private property onto The Old Road. The flow originated from the private property within Romero Canyon when a berm failed due to the saturated condition of the soil. This flow combined with debris that included plants and landscaping material from "Plant Warehouse" plugged the catch basin across from the Pierces property along The Old Road. The mud and debris then flowed onto The Old Road and damaged the Pierce's property and other property downstream along The Old Road.

Maintenance for portions of the culverts under the I-5 freeway has always been understood to be the responsibility of Caltrans. The remaining upstream portions under The Old Road are the responsibility of the Department of Public Works. Through investigation, the Department became aware that there was some confusion as to precise limits of responsibility between the Flood Control District (Flood Maintenance Division) and the Road Maintenance Division. This confusion arose as a result of the initial Caltrans relinquishment of The Old Road, which included most of the associated drainage structures and the subsequent modifications.

Road Maintenance Division carries out annual inspections of all road drain inlets prior to the storm season and follows up with maintenance if sedimentation at the drain exceeds 20% of the opening. The inlet across from the Pierces property was inspected in October 2004 by Public Works. No individual facility records of when these inspections took place were maintained. For 25 years the road drains in front of the plant nursery were maintained in this fashion and never failed.

POLICY ISSUES:

Road Maintenance Division has a practice of visually inspecting all road culvert entrances each fall and schedules necessary corrective work. Flood Maintenance Division has an annual Catch Basin Cleanout contract and schedules underground inspections of larger storm drain facilities prior to each storm season.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

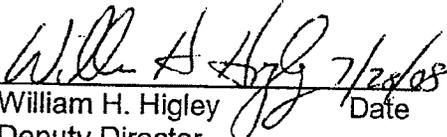
Public Works believes no corrective actions are required because the flooding was solely the result of an exceptional storm event. Public Works is undertaking the following actions to strengthen its record keeping for similar lawsuit defense.

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Reviewed & Recommended

Approved


William H. Higley
Deputy Director
Date 7/24/08


Patrick V. DeChellis
Deputy Director
Date 7-29-2008
PAD
7/28/08

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Francisco Ijarro aka Francisco Guijarro, et al., v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	BC 377079
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court Central District
DATE FILED	September 5, 2007
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$170,000.00
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John Henrichs, Esq. Henrichs Law Firm, P.C.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a wrongful death case brought by Francisco Guijarro and the Estate of Jesus Guijarro for the death of Jesus Guijarro.</p> <p>On July 26, 2006, Jesus Guijarro, who had long history of significant mental and medical conditions, was being transported from LAC+USC Medical Center to White Memorial Hospital.</p>

After arriving at the destination, when the County personnel were assisting Mr. Guijarro to leave the transportation vehicle, Mr. Guijarro escaped. While being re-detained by County personnel, Mr. Guijarro's condition deteriorated and he suffered an arrest. Resuscitative measures were unsuccessful, and the patient was pronounced dead at White Memorial Hospital.

Francisco Guijarro, Jesus Guijarro's father, and the Estate of Jesus Guijarro, filed a lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles and the personnel involved in Jesus Guijarro's transportation.

The County asserts that proper care was provided to Mr. Guijarro, and that his death was not caused or contributed by the actions of the County personnel. Considering the risks involved in a jury trial, however, the Department of Health Services agreed to propose a settlement of this case in the amount of \$170,000.00.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$72,155
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$4,497



Summary Corrective Action Plan

Date of incident/event:	July 26, 2006
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On July 26, 2006, Jesus Guijarro was transferred from LAC+USC Medical Center to White Memorial Medical Center by DHS Ambulance Services on a 5150 hold. Upon arrival to White Memorial Medical Center, Mr. Guijarro was assisted out of the ambulance, and he immediately ran away from the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). The EMTs followed Mr. Guijarro in the ambulance until he entered a market. Mr. Guijarro exited the market and collapsed. The EMTs began CPR, placed Mr. Guijarro on a gurney and transported him back to White Memorial Medical Center where he subsequently died.

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

- Failure to manage the patient's transportation.

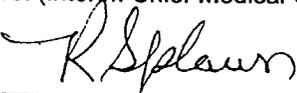
2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
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- A restraint educational program was developed and all Ambulance Service personnel have received training.
- All restraints utilized by the Ambulance Services have been changed to the same type and stored in labeled and similar areas of the ambulances.
- An Ambulance Services policy specific to elopement procedures was implemented. All Ambulance Services personnel have been briefed on the policy.
- LAC+USC added a policy to address safety during transport and elopement prevention.
- LAC+USC educated the Psychiatric Emergency Room Staff regarding hand off communication for transfers.
- LAC+USC revised the Network EMTALA Compliance Policy.

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:
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Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator) 	Date: 7/17/08
Signature: (Interim Chief Medical Officer) 	Date: 7/17/08
Signature: (Interim Director) 	Date: 7-17-08

Document version: 2.0 (October 2007)

CONFIDENTIAL : The information contained in this document is privileged and strictly confidential under State Law, including Evidence Code Section 1157 relating to medical professional peer review documents and Government Code section 6254c relating to personnel records

REVISED CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	<u>Spencer B. v. William S. Hart Union High School District and Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health</u>
CASE NUMBER	California Special Education Hearing Office (Case No. N2007110747)
COURT	Not applicable
DATE FILED	November 27, 2007
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	County Counsel
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$23,496.60
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Newman, Aaronson, Vanaman
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Andrea E. Ross Deputy County Counsel (213) 787-2310
NATURE OF CASE	The case involves a special education student, Spencer B., in the William S. Hart Union High School District ("HUSD") who alleges deprivation, both procedurally and substantively, of (1) his educational rights, and (2) related services to which he was entitled. Parents requested reimbursement from both HUSD and DMH for costs incurred pertaining to expenses parents incurred

for visitation with Spencer and for services parents provided at their own expense, during the time Spencer was home, awaiting placement. A mediation was held and resolution was reached whereby DMH agreed to reimburse plaintiffs for a portion of their attorney fees, the fees for plaintiff's consultant and to coordinate and fund services related to obtaining an updated assessment of Spencer's current clinical profile, including an assessment of the feasibility of a home-based support plan.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE None

PAID COSTS, TO DATE None



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Date of incident/event:	December, 2005 to November, 2007
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>The case involves a Special Education Student, Spencer B., in the William S. Hart Unified School District who alleges deprivation, both procedurally and substantively, of (1) his educational rights, and (2) related services to which he was entitled. Under various state and federal laws, an individual, such as Spencer, is entitled to appropriate levels of mental health services in order to enable him to access and benefit from educational services. Under these laws, it is the responsibility of the County, through DMH, to provide the mental health services necessary to achieve this goal. Further, an individual is entitled under these laws to an administrative determination as to whether he is receiving the services to which he is entitled.</p> <p>The case went through administrative mediation, the result of which was an agreement between plaintiff, the school district, and DMH. The agreement between DMH and plaintiff is as follows: payment of plaintiff's consultant's fees (\$2,336.60) and a portion of plaintiff's attorney fees (\$21,000.00).</p>

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

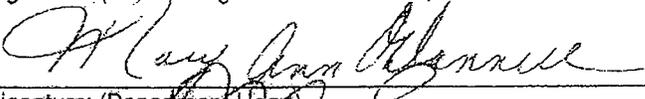
Parents assert unilateral right of residential placement of and repayment for out of pocket expenses for treatment of a special education student. Mediated administrative resolution.

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

None, since this is a compromise of parent's unilateral action.

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Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator) 	Date: 5-6-08
Signature: (Department Head) 	Date: 5/7/08

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

July 21, 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 Conference B, 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: Manuel Valenzuela and Brian Chu; Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department: Patrick Hunter and Rob Taliento; Department of Health Services: Elizabeth Baca, Sharon Ryzak, David Cochran, and Miguel Ortiz-Marroquin (Harbor-UCLA); Office of Affirmative Action Compliance: Hayward Harris, Jr.; Outside Counsel: George E. Peterson and Avi Burkwitz of Peterson and Bradford.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:10 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 9:35 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. Patrick Porch v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 06-06418 GPS (RZx)

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

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$775,000 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.

- b. Phillip L. Whong v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. GC 036 786

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident involving an employee of the Sheriff's Department.

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$42,500.

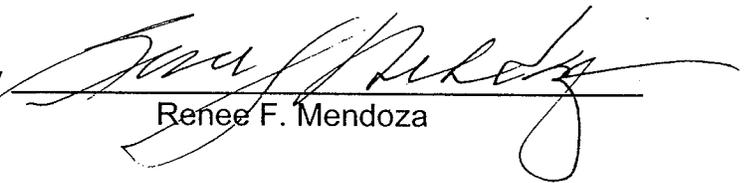
The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

Minutes for the June 16, 2008, meeting of the Claims Board were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By



Renee F. Mendoza