

**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, MAY 6, 2013, AT 9:30 AM**

Present: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

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. **Steven S. Hanft v. County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 461 674**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of inverse condemnation, nuisance and other damages caused by the County.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$75,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**b. Jorge Perez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 482 493**

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained in an automobile accident with an employee from the Department of Mental Health; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$43,750.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this item.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**c. Christian N. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 449 250**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of improper supervision and care which caused injuries to a juvenile while in the custody and care of the Probation and Mental Health Departments.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$42,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Document](#)

**d. Tatiana Lopez and Miguel Amarillas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 10-8926**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of violation of civil rights, false arrest, and malicious prosecution by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$550,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Documents](#)

e. **Albert Brown v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-03297

This lawsuit concerns allegations of violation of civil rights, false arrest, and excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$75,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Documents](#)

f. **Hongdao "Cindy" Nguyen v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 423 072

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$150,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

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 of the April 15, 2013, meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[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

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| CASE NAME | Steven S. Hanft v. County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works |
| CASE NUMBER | BC461674 |
| COURT | Los Angeles Superior Court |
| DATE FILED | May 19, 2011 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Los Angeles County Department of Public Works |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 75,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | Martin N. Refkin |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | Michael L. Moore |
| NATURE OF CASE | Steven S. Hanft owns property in unincorporated West Athens that has a storm drain outlet situated on it. Mr. Hanft did not properly maintain his property, causing the storm drain to back up and flood upstream properties. The County issued Mr. Hanft a Notice of Violation for failing to maintain his property. He responded by partially cleaning his property and then filed a lawsuit for inverse condemnation, nuisance, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and abuse of process against the County. The proposed settlement provides the County legal ownership of the storm drain and an easement for maintenance. |

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$ 71,426

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$ 16,297



Summary Corrective Action Plan

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| Date of incident/event: | April 29, 2010 |
| Briefly provide a description of the incident/event: | <p>The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) built an approximate 52-inch storm drain system, Drainage District Improvement-25 (DDI-25), sometime in 1928 and the 1940s. The District owns and maintains DDI-25.</p> <p>In 1947, a developer added an approximate 52-inch reinforced concrete pipe extension (DDI-25 extension) to the existing DDI-25 westerly outlet onto what is now Steven Hanft's property. The DDI-25 extension is not 100 percent owned by the County of Los Angeles or the District. Approximately, 25 feet is owned by Mr. Hanft. The District maintained the DDI-25 extension once in December 2009.</p> <p>In 1998 and 2006, Mr. Hanft acquired two separate parcels at a tax lien sale for approximately \$6,500, which were later combined into one parcel, Assessor's Identification No. 6079-002-081. The subject property is undeveloped with old tires, broken concrete, and old furniture on the premises. The DDI-25 extension empties onto this property.</p> <p>On February 28, 2010, Mr. Hanft was issued a Notice of Violation for violation of County Code Section 20.94.020, the obstruction of a "natural water course."</p> <p>On October 1, 2010, (in his claim for damages against the County) and on May 18, 2011, (in his summons and complaint filed against the County), plaintiff, Mr. Hanft, alleged storm drain DDI-25 and the DDI-25 extension carried sediment and debris onto his property located near South Normandie Avenue and the 105 Freeway. The debris subsequently plugged the outlet of the DDI-25 extension, causing flooding to upstream properties. Mr. Hanft further alleged the County demanded he clean the debris and threatened criminal action if he did not comply. Mr. Hanft also alleged the County is using his property as a drainage channel without compensation.</p> |

1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

Channel Ordinance County Code Section 20.94.020 requires a property owner of any natural watercourse, swale, or man-made drainage channel to maintain the same free of any vegetation, tin cans, rubbish, or other obstructions to the extent necessary so that the natural flow will not be impeded at any time.

Steven Hanft refused repeated requests to maintain the natural flow of waters through his property.

Steven Hanft refused requests to permit the District to enter his property to clear the pipe and immediate areas.

Realizing that Steven Hanft refused to acknowledge the natural drainage course on his property and refused to properly maintain the drainage course, Public Works was compelled to enter the property to clean the DDI-25 extension and storm drain outlet to allow waters to flow to preserve and protect upstream properties. This action was taken under Police Powers provisions on December 15, 2009.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

- As a condition of settlement, in order to properly maintain the DDI-25 extension, the District is obtaining a 15' x 48' easement from Mr. Hanft for Assessor's Identification No. 6079-002-081.
- The District will add this drainage asset to our Maintenance Management System for routine maintenance and annual inspection.
- As a condition of settlement, Mr. Hanft stipulates that a natural drainage course exists on his property. This statement will be recorded against the property to ensure that subsequent owners will not have similar cause to claim against the District.
- Develop/implement Departmentwide procedure for acquisition of Tax Defaulted Property, including deployment of a GIS product derived from the annual Treasurer-Tax Collector's listing of Tax Defaulted Property. This will include the development of guidelines, criteria, process, and protocol to identify certain default properties for recommendation of acquisition prior to public auction based on potential value or benefit for flood control purposes.

Target dates

- 09/30/12: Compile information from Water Resources, Watershed Management, and Flood Maintenance Divisions on each Division's criteria in identifying properties for acquisition. Completed.
- 11/30/12: Coordinate in creating a database or application for identified properties of interest and analyze how it relates to the yearly list of tax defaulted properties. Completed.
- 12/31/12: Review database structure, modify as needed, and finalize. Information Technology Division (ITD) completed a draft database structure. Water Resources Division submitted adjustments. Completion is expected by mid-January 2013 with the integration of data in the Storm Drain Network. Completed.

- 01/31/13: Coordinate with Information Technology Division (ITD) in integrating the database with the tax defaulted properties mapped in the Storm Drain Network. Coordination with ITD is extended through 02/28/13 to accommodate new adjustments. Completed.
 - 02/28/13: Coordinate with other divisions in creating a guideline for database usage and data control. ITD created a new web application that is more effective than using the Storm Drain Network. The beta version of this application was approved and a guideline was completed on March 31, 2013.
 - 03/31/13: Review and finalize draft guidelines. Completed.
 - 05/30/13: Submit Recommendation memo for implementation. *In progress.*
- By July 1, 2013, Survey Mapping & Property Management Division will evaluate existing practices for projects involving drainage discharge onto private property. We will consider the cost/benefit of adding a provision to the easement deed with verbiage substantially similar to the following:

Offsite Owner acknowledges that the Improvements constructed on the property alter the natural and/or existing surface water drainage patterns between the property and offsite property. Offsite Owner does hereby consent to such alteration and does hereby covenant and agree that the Offsite Property shall accept the surface water drainage as altered by the Improvements on the property.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing Departmentwide system issues?

- Yes - The corrective actions address Departmentwide system issues.
- No - The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

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| Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) | |
| Steven G. Steinhoff | |
| Signature: | Date: |
| S.G. Steinhoff | APRIL 23, 2013 |

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| Name: (Department Head) | |
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| Signature: | Date: |
| David Fisher | 4/23/13 |

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| Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have Countywide applicability. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department. | |
| Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) | |
| Destiny Hoffman | |
| Signature: | Date: |
| Destiny Hoffman For: Leo Costantino | 4/23/2013 |

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CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME | Jorge Perez v. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | BC 482493 |
| COURT | Los Angeles Superior Court |
| DATE FILED | April 10, 2012 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Department of Mental Health |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 43,750 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | Arnold Gross, Esq. |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | Brian T. Chu Principal Deputy County Counsel |
| NATURE OF CASE | This is a motor vehicle negligence lawsuit involving an accident which occurred on April 29, 2010, in the City of Los Angeles between Jorge Perez and an employee of the Department of Mental Health. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$43,750 is recommended. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 36,932 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 4,219 |



Summary Corrective Action Plan

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| Date of incident/event: | April 29, 2010 |
| Briefly provide a description of the incident/event: | On April 29, 2010, at approximately 11:20 a.m., Department of Mental Health (DMH) Peer Advocate was traveling northbound on Cole Avenue. The other driver was traveling behind him in a 1994 Nissan Sentra. As the employee approached Romaine Street he moved into the right turn pocket. By this time the Nissan Sentra was to the left of the County vehicle. The employee suddenly veered to the left and struck the right side of the Nissan Sentra. The speed of each car at the time of the collision is yet to be determined. |

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

County employee's inattentive driving and/or unsafe turn.

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

As a result of this accident, the following actions were taken:

- On April 30, 2010, employee's supervision directed employee to take Safe Driving Training course.
- On May 20, 2010, employee attended Safe Driving Training with instruction on safe driving practices and hazard avoidance.
- On July 11, 2012, employee's supervision directed employee to attend a class course in defensive driving.
- On November 14, 2012 employee attended and completed a class course in defensive driving, which included driving instructions, related films, and behind-the-wheel training.
- On August 28, 2012, as a follow up to the Department's Safe Driving Training a 10 question exercise was emailed to and completed by the employee.

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 for assistance)

- Potentially has County-wide implications.
- Potentially has an implication to other departments (i.e., all human services, all safety departments, or one or more other departments).\

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

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| Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Margarita Morales | |
| Signature: Margarita Morales | Date: 03/20/12 |
| Name: (Department Head) MARVIN SOUTHARD | |
| Signature: MARVIN SOUTHARD | Date: 3/22/13 |

Chief Executive Office Risk Management

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| Name: LEO COSTANTINO | |
| Signature: [Signature] | Date: 2/13/13 |

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME | Christian N. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | BC 449250 |
| COURT | Los Angeles Superior Court |
| DATE FILED | November 10, 2010 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Probation Department and Department of Mental Health |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 42,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | Biesty, Garretty and Wagner |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | Millicent L. Rolon |
| NATURE OF CASE | <p>Plaintiff Christian N. alleges his civil rights were violated when he was injured while in custody at the Probation Department's Central Juvenile Hall due to improper supervision by Probation and Mental Health staff.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$42,000 is recommended.</p> |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 39,612 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 3,170 |

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME | | Tatiana Lopez and Miguel Amarillas vs. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | | CV 10-8926 |
| COURT | | United States District Court |
| DATE FILED | | November 19, 2011 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | | Sheriff's Department |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ | 550,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | | Thomas E. Beck, Esq. |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | | Millicent L. Rolon |
| NATURE OF CASE | | <p>Plaintiffs Tatiana Lopez and Miguel Amarillas, allege that their federal civil rights were violated when the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department unlawfully detained, arrested, and prosecuted them.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$550,000 is recommended.</p> |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ | 288,651 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ | 33,904 |

Case Name: **Tatiana Lopez and Miguel Amarillas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**



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| Date of incident/event: | Wednesday, October 7, 2009, approximately 7:30 p.m. |
| Briefly provide a description of the incident/event | <p><u>Tatiana Lopez and Miguel Amarillas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Summary Corrective Action Plan No. 2012-046</p> <p>On Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at approximately 7:30 p.m., a Los Angeles County deputy sheriff arrested the plaintiffs for a violation of California Health and Safety Code section 11378, Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sale, and California Health and Safety Code section 11550, Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance.</p> <p>Criminal charges against both plaintiffs were ultimately dismissed.</p> |

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

In their lawsuit, the plaintiffs allege they were unlawfully detained and subjected to false arrest and malicious prosecution by members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had relevant policies and procedures/protocols in effect at the time of the incident.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's training curriculum addresses the circumstances which occurred in the incident.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department submitted the facts in the case to representatives of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. On July 17, 2012, one count of California Penal Code section 118.1, False Report, and one count of California Penal Code section 118a, False Affidavit as to Testimony as Perjury, were filed against one member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department also initiated an internal administrative investigation to determine the extent to which one or more members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department engaged in misconduct.

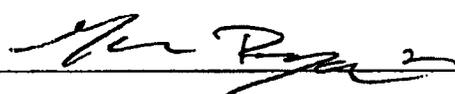
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3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
 No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

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| Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Shaun J. Mathers, Captain Risk Management Bureau | |
| Signature:  | Date: 4/23/13 |

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| Name: (Department Head) Glen Dragovich, Division Director Administrative Services and Training Division | |
| Signature:  | Date: 4/24/13 |

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| Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department. | |
| Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) LEO COSTANTINO | |
| Signature:  | Date: 4-25-13 |

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME | Albert Brown v. COLA, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | CV12-03297 |
| COURT | United States District Court |
| DATE FILED | Complaint: April 19, 2012 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Sheriff's Department |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 75,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | James S. Muller, Esq. Law Offices of James S. Muller |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | Jennifer A.D. Lehman |
| NATURE OF CASE | <p>Albert Brown alleges that Sheriff's Deputies falsely arrested him on two occasions and used excessive force during one of the arrests.</p> <p>The Deputies claim that they had probable cause for both arrests and used only reasonable force to effect the one arrest.</p> <p>However, due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Settlement of this matter in the amount of \$75,000 is recommended.</p> |

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$ 9,375

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$ None

Case Name: Albert Brown v. County of Los Angeles, et al.



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| Date of incidents/events: | Tuesday, May 4, 2010; approximately 5:00 p.m.; and, Saturday, May 8, 2010; approximately 11:30 p.m. |
| Briefly provide a description of the incidents/events: | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Albert Brown v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Summary Corrective Action Plan No. 2013-009</p> <p>On Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at approximately 5:00 p.m., two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies detained, handcuffed, and ultimately arrested the plaintiff for violating California Penal Code section 466, Burglary Instruments or Tools. No criminal charges were filed against the plaintiff.</p> <p>On Saturday, May 8, 2010, at approximately 11:30 pm, the plaintiff was arrested for violating California Penal Code section 12031(a), Carrying Loaded Firearm; California Penal Code section 12031(2)(F), Possession of an Unregistered Handgun; and, California Penal Code section 148(a)(1), Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officer or Emergency Medical Technician. During the course of the arrest, the plaintiff initiated a violent confrontation with three sheriff's deputies and physical force was used to overcome the resistance offered by the plaintiff.</p> <p>On April 21, 2011, a Los Angeles Superior Court jury acquitted the plaintiff of all criminal charges.</p> |

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

In his lawsuit, the plaintiff alleges false arrest, false imprisonment, and use of excessive force by representatives of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had relevant policies and procedures/protocols in effect at the time of the incident.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's training curriculum addresses the circumstances which occurred in these incidents.

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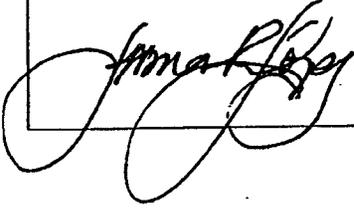
The facts in this case were reviewed by representatives of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Century Station. No systemic issues were identified, and no employee misconduct is suspected. Consequently, no personnel-related administrative action was taken, and no other corrective action measures are recommended nor contemplated.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
 No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

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| Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Shaun J. Mathers, Captain Risk Management Bureau | |
| Signature:  | Date: 4/8/12 |

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| Name: (Department Head) James R. Lopez, Chief Leadership and Training Division | |
| Signature:  | Date: 04/11/13 |

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| Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department. | |
| Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) | |
| LEO COSTANTINO | |
| Signature: | Date: |
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2013

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Richard Kudo and Millicent Rolon; and Sheriff's Department: Lt. Patrick Hunter and Sgt. Bruce Cantley.

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).

At 9:32 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(c) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 10:02 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

**a. Rudy Orona, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 051 417**

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

Action Taken:

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

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

b. **Latonya Hardin v. Eduardo Martinez, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. TC 025 896

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$35,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

c. **Ronald Gibson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-00729 PSG (Ex)

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$80,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

5. **Approval of the minutes of the April 1, 2013, meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

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.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By



Carol J. Slosson