

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
SPROUL ROOM, 13200 CLARKSDALE AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650
ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Chair Curtis Morris, Margaret Finlay, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Doug Prichard, Jeffrey Prang, and Sam Olivito

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund 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. Isabel "Israel" Pulido v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Santa Monica Superior Court Case No. SC 115321

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery, false arrest and negligence by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$85,000.

Vote: Ayes: 7 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Jeffrey Prang, and Sam Olivito

[See Supporting Document](#)

4. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- a. Michael Lobrono, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 13-03838

No reportable action taken.

- b. Abisai Rivera v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 13-01404

No reportable action taken.

- c. Steven Sartori v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-10578

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Items No. 3 and No. 4 above.

6. Approval of the minutes of the February 12, 2014, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 7 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Jeffrey Prang, and Sam Olivito

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. **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.

8. **Other Business.**

None

9. **Adjournment.**

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Isabel Pulido v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	L.A.S.C. Case No. SC115321
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	Complaint filed: January 3, 2011 Claim filed: October 2, 2010
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 85,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Law Offices of John Raphling
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Karen Joynt
NATURE OF CASE	Isabel Pulido alleges that she was subjected to excessive force by a Sheriff's Deputy on November 19, 2010. The involved Sheriff's Deputy contends that he used reasonable force in arresting Ms. Pulido. 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 \$85,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 63,768
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 5,242

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Summary Corrective Action Plan

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.

Date of incident/event:	Thursday, November 18, 2010; 11:28 p.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p><u>Isabel "Israel" Pulido v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Summary Corrective Action Plan No. 2013-048</p> <p>On Thursday, November 18, 2010, at approximately 11:28 p.m., two uniformed Los Angeles County deputy sheriffs drove to 692 North Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood, in response to a battery call.</p> <p>When the two deputy sheriffs arrived at the location, they found a private security guard detaining a handcuffed woman (the plaintiff). The security guard told the two deputy sheriffs that the woman assaulted him and he wanted to make a private person's arrest. As a result, the two deputy sheriffs were required to take the woman into custody.</p> <p>As the two deputy sheriffs escorted the woman to their patrol vehicle, she began to violently resist them and battered one of the officers. To overcome the resistance offered by the woman, one of the deputy sheriffs used physical force.</p> <p>The woman was finally restrained and subsequently transported to West Hollywood Station.</p>

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

Cause Type: Personnel

In her lawsuit, the plaintiff alleged she was subjected to unreasonable physical force applied by members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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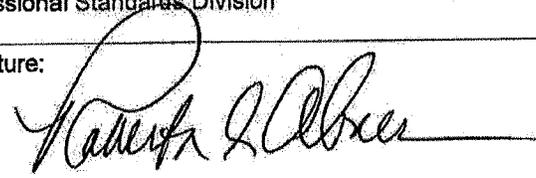
County of Los Angeles
Summary Corrective Action Plan

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

<p>Step Name: A</p> <p>Scheduled Completion Date: March 29, 2012</p> <p>The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had relevant policies and procedures/protocols in effect at the time of the incident.</p> <p>The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's training curriculum addresses the circumstances which occurred in the incident.</p> <p>This incident was thoroughly investigated by representatives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's West Hollywood Station and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Internal Affairs Bureau. While the investigation revealed that the use of physical force was consistent with Department policy, appropriate administrative action was imposed upon one member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. In addition, all members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's West Hollywood Station received training on the Department's policy regarding the use of force and attendant reporting procedures.</p>

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

<p>Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)</p> <p>Ronald D. Williams, Captain Risk Management Bureau</p>	
<p>Signature:</p> 	<p>Date:</p> <p>3/24/14</p>
<p>Name: (Department Head)</p> <p>Roberta A. Abner, Chief Professional Standards Division</p>	
<p>Signature:</p> 	<p>Date:</p> <p>3/25/14</p>

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.

No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)

Destiny Castro

Signature:

Destiny Castro

Date:

3/25/2014

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND
CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 12, 2014

Agenda Item No.: 5

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Curtis Morris, at 12:06 p.m. The meeting was held in the Community Center, Sproul Room, 13200 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Present at the meeting were **Claims Board Members:** Curtis Morris, Chair, San Dimas, Region III; Mark Alexander, La Canada Flintridge, Region I; Margaret Finlay, Duarte, Region I; Michael Egan, Norwalk, Region III; Doug Prichard, Rolling Hills Estates, Region II; Jeffrey Prang, West Hollywood, Region II; Sam Olivito, Executive Director, California Contract Cities Association; *Alternates:* Cheri Kelley, Norwalk, Region III; David Spence, La Canada Flintridge, Region I; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Roger Granbo, Assistant County Counsel; Ernie Romo, Risk Management, Chief Executive Office; Ronald Williams, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Deacon, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; David Halm, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; James Hellmold, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Michael Sellers, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Mark Richardson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Kenneth Mort, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; James Delgadillo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Angela Kechichian, Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc.; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Jennifer Fullerton, Secretary.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board. No members of the public addressed the Board.

At 12:06 p.m., the Chair adjourned the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board into Closed Session.

**3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- a. Holly Rudolph v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept., et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-03220

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

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$97,500 as set forth in the Claims Board Memorandum.

The vote of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.

**4. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- a. Salvador Aguirre v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 428221
- b. Shahram Salimitari v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
San Fernando Superior Court Case No. PC 051113
- c. Steven Sartori v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-10578

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:33 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

5. Approval of the Minutes for January 15, 2014 meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

The Minutes for the meeting of January 15, 2014, were approved.

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 Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims 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**
7. **Other Business**
8. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD


SANDRA C. RUIZ