

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
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, 13200 CLARKSDALE AVENUE, NORWALK,
CALIFORNIA 90650

ON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Curtis Morris, Marcel Rodarte, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek, and Michael Egan

Members Absent: Mark Alexander and Margaret Finlay

Alternates Present: Reva Feldman, Cheri Kelley, and David Spence

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. Sonya Benton v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Compton Superior Court Case No. TC 027002

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a collision with a vehicle driven by a Sheriff's Deputy for failure to yield.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$80,000.

Vote: Ayes: 5 -- Curtis Morris, Marcel Rodarte, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek, and Michael Egan

Absent: Mark Alexander and Margaret Finlay

See Supporting Document

- b. Marci Lopez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC 026024

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$23,000.

Vote: Ayes: 5 -- Curtis Morris, Marcel Rodarte, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek, and Michael Egan

Absent: Mark Alexander and Margaret Finlay

See Supporting Document

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

- a. Hilda Alvarez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

United States District Court Case No. CV 15-09065

This lawsuit involves allegations of excessive force shooting and wrongful death by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

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 November 9, 2016, 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: 5 -- Curtis Morris, Marcel Rodarte, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek, and Michael Egan

Absent: Mark Alexander and Margaret Finlay

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	Sonya Benton v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	TC 027002
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	November 02, 2012
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 80,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Arnoldo Casillas, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This lawsuit arose when a Deputy Sheriff collided into Ms. Benton's vehicle in the City of Lynwood. Ms. Benton claims injuries as a result of the accident.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$80,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 144,333
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 115,500

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME Marci Lopez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

CASE NUMBER MC 026024

COURT Los Angeles Superior Court

DATE FILED February 01, 2016

COUNTY DEPARTMENT Sheriff's Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT \$ 23,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF Paul Kistler, Esq.

COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY Adrian G. Gragas
Principal Deputy County Counsel

NATURE OF CASE This lawsuit arose when a Deputy Sheriff made an unsafe u-turn resulting in Ms. Lopez colliding into the patrol car in the City of Palmdale. Ms. Lopez claims injuries as a result of the accident.

Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$23,000 is warranted.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$ 15,206

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$ 1,067

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 9, 2016

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 11:44 a.m. The meeting was held in the Community Meeting Center, Sproul Room, 13200 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Present at the meeting were **Claims Board Members:** Curtis Morris, Chair, At-Large; Mark Alexander, East Division; Michael Egan, South Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Doug Prichard, At-Large; Mark Waronek, South Division; Marcel Rodarte, California Contract Cities Association; **Alternates:** Reva Feldman, At-Large; Cheri Kelley, East Division; David Spence, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Jonathan McCaverty, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Ruben Baeza, Assistant County Counsel; Anthony La Berge, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Buddy Goldman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Scott Johnson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Maxine Kallenberger, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brant Frederickson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Deacon, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Keith Swensson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jackie Guevarra, Auditor-Controller, Jung Son, Auditor-Controller; Jim Godsey, Auditor-Controller; Amy Chiang, Auditor-Controller, Stefannie Kodrat, Auditor-Controller; **Attendees:** James Bozajian, North Division; Jose Pulido, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Silvia Hernandez, Claims, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Lam Le, Financial Analyst; Jennifer Fullerton, Administrative Analyst.

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 11:45 a.m., the Chair adjourned the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board into Closed Session.

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

- a. Oscar Ramirez, Sr., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 15-03062 AB

This lawsuit involves excessive force shooting and civil rights violations by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,250,000.

Vote: Ayes: 7 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Marcel Rodarte, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek, and Michael Egan

- b. Jane Michelle Salgado v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 54971

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

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

- a. Hilda Alvarez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 15-09065

This lawsuit involves allegations of excessive force shooting and wrongful death by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Luis Arias v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 15-02170

This lawsuit involves excessive force shooting and civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Rosa Linda Bellman v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 545771

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. Rebecca Lynn Braden v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 499223

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 2:24 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

6. Approval of the Minutes for September 21, 2016, 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, Marcel Rodarte, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, Mark Waronek, and Michael Egan

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 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**

None

8. **Other Business**

None

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD


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