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Attention: Agenda Preparation

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FROM: ADRIENNE M. BYERS
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Amir Rofougaran, et al. v. Department of Water and
Power of the City of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV28730

Janice Hahn
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Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Amir Rofougaran, et al. v. Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV28730, in the amount of \$250,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.

This inverse condemnation lawsuit against the Department of Public Works alleged that a storm drain rupture caused flooding and property damage.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Rofougaran, Amir, et al. v. Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles, et al
CASE NUMBER	21STCV28730
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Department 62
DATE FILED	December 2, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Daniel G. Whalen
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jonathan W. Brazile Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiffs Amir Rofougaran, Christine Collins, Lauren Lindstrom, and Hooman Baratipour allege a storm drain owned by Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29 located uphill from their property ruptured, causing their residence, backyard, and hillside to flood.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 83,097
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 21,899