



County of Los Angeles

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TO: EDWARD YEN
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: ADRIENNE M. BYERS
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda
County Claims Board Recommendation
Christensen Brothers General Engineering, Inc. v. Los
Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV35076**



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 Christensen Brothers General Engineering, Inc. v. Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV35076, in the amount of \$295,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.

This breach of contract lawsuit seeks damages against the Department of Public Works for costs incurred on an improvement project for the installation of a water-main pipeline in Lancaster.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Christensen Brothers General Engineering Inc. v Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV35076
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court Stanley Mosk Courthouse
DATE FILED	9/14/2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 295,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John M. McGowan, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jonathan W. Brazile Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Christensen Brothers General Engineering Inc, ("Plaintiff") alleges that the County breached a construction contract, entered on 12/18/2018, for the public work of improvement of Avenue K transmission main phase IV 20 th Street to 30 th Street East, Project ID No. WWD4004013 in Los Angeles "Project"). Plaintiff further alleges that the County failed to compensate it for extra work and cost incurred on the Project.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 220,883
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 89,179