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September 16, 2025

TO: EDWARD YEN
        Executive Officer
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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
        Non-Litigated Claims of Steven B. Lam and Hisae K.
        Utsunomiya

      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

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Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Non-Litigated Claims of Steven B. Lam and Hisae K. Utsunomiya, in the amount of $161,089, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.

These inverse condemnation claims seek compensation from the Department of Public Works for property damage allegedly caused by a sewage spill from a sewer mainline blockage.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claims of Steven B. Lam and Hisae K. Utsunomiya
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$ 161,089
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Mark W. Lomax, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	These claims involve property damage from a sewage spill caused by a sewer mainline blockage. Due to the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$ -0-
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$ -0-