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OK, whenever you're ready.

Alright, let's do it.

Good afternoon, everyone.

We are starting off cluster.

It is 2/01 and today is Wednesday March 4th.

Dardi, please call.

Please start the the.

Welcome back.

All right. Good afternoon.

First, with us, with the introductions First District, Tammy Malterfrize and my colleague Erin Lopez.

Great. Thank you.

2nd District Second District made visa.

Thank you very much.

Your district, Sean Leonard and my colleagues Steven Edwards. Brad Feingard, thank you very much for district grandchildren participant.

Thank you very much.

And lastly, 5th District Michelle Vega, thank you very much.

Back to you, Cher.

Thank you.

We're on item number 2.

This is the informational items.

There's one item.

Does anybody have any questions?

Nope. OK, hearing none, you'll go to item number 3.

Start off with 3A.

We're switching to order on that, I think.

I'm sorry we're going to 3B.

This is improving transparency and legal settlements.

SC3 before it's yours. Good afternoon.

I'm sorry, public safety.

Thank you all for having me here at OPS.

This motion is a follow up on the board's December 2nd motion that seeks to improve transparency around settlement agreements entered into.

Between the county and carbon leadership, as well as settlements more broadly, building on the motion back on December 2nd, this asked for two things.

The first is for the auditor controller to make available on a public facing dashboard. What would essentially be dashboard description of settlements between the county and county executives and that would capture those that have been that were publicized that we discussed back in December. And then the second item is for the board's meeting agendas to be updated such that the public.

Would more easily be able to tie a closed session item to a.

Finalized settlement agreement after the agreement is entered into.

The county, through the efforts really of all of the board members, has been working to improve transparency.

In the way the county does business across multiple services, so in our view this kind of falls on that and looks to improve those transparency efforts as they relate to legal settlements and happy to take any questions.

Do you have any questions?

Just had one that when we say County Executive, is that just department heads or is that?

Repeat that.

Thank you for that question.

I think we refer to it initially as county executives and sort of top tier leadership.

So chief deputy or or whatnot.

Although if folks have suggestions or whatever, we're totally open to cause. The idea is to to improve transparency without it being such a big lift that it becomes sort of a burdensome thing.

We kind of start off narrow and sort of see how it goes.

So open to suggestions on that, but I think it would be sort of top cheer leadership.

Would there be any financial threshold with which like if there is a settlement regardless of level of employee that is you know above 500,000 and 100,000 if we?

Be hosted or would it just be based on the employees position as written?

It's based on position, although like I said, open to ideas about how that could cause.

I could see up folks wanting to go further in the sense of like enormous settlements that don't involve leadership, but that are still impactful certainly in the time and tight budgeting I could.

Understand folks would be interested in that.

So I don't think you know.

As written, it's about the the position itself.

But there may be an opportunity to go further either.

If folks are interested.

In this month or or else, because I think the idea is to try and encourage transparency where we can, without it being such a big list that it becomes itself converted so.

And then is there any consolidated place group claim for for county claims currently?

I know it's like piece meal on the on the claims board agenda, but that's just it's not one dashboard, it's just you have to go through each claims board agenda works on the board, correct.

Exactly right and and also.

Not all settlements have to go through, right?

So it's so like to the point it's there's not once a place place it would be great if we build towards that.

This kind of starts off small.

But you know absolutely.

I think that's a something worth exploring for sure.

And actually, yeah, I I I would even make that what I said the claims were wouldn't even capture the.

County executives are no. That's why I was just curious if we if part of the vision of this is to have a full settlement database. So it would capture, we can add on to whatever is existing for plans for. But if there's nothing existing already, the plans for. Other piece meal, so there'll be consolidated, but yeah, make sure it's cost prohibitive and that administrative department's point, yeah, as written, this was just for the county executives.

But I mean honestly moving forward.

If want to do something, I'm sure the claims board.

File something. I mean we have the genesis and they have their list, right?

Seem to be that difficult to.

I'm sure there's a dearth solution. I'm sure the computer's technology solution, yeah. But even at the end of the year, like when you or the following year when Canada cancel publisher report with these kind of things already pop up in that report, is that even can I cancel one?

Sherman.

MB **Michael Buennagel** 14:36

This is Mike Vidal from Kenny Council.

Not familiar with our litigation report includes all these settlements, but we can check on that.

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I just wanted to ask the third district to authorize the dashboard to be made in my municipal languages.

We don't prescribe that in the motion, but I think that absolutely should be because the idea is to make it transparent for all of our viewers.

So I think that absolutely makes sense.

That would be great.

We want all of our systems to be accessible to everyone, especially if we're gonna go out and reach to make it available, to make it available to everybody.

And I, yeah, and I was.

It's it would live on the auditor controller's website, so I'm not familiar with kind of what the regulation looks like on our accounting websites, but.

It would be living on the auditor controller's website, so if there's any sort of.

Language translation technology. There. Now that word there as well.

OK, of the item, does this mean that these type of settlements will be read twice, just like when we do a change in ordinance?

So it's not the intention, although I'm, you know, I've been in touch with County Council about some potential ideas to kind of clarify.

The idea would not be to have it heard twice. The idea is to make sure that it gets linked back and we're there are other jurisdictions in California that do.

Version of this as well with like you know there's a closed session and let's say it's on January 5th or whatever. And they do a negotiation. They enter into a settlement, someone's finalized and then after that, so let's say March or whatever, there's a

separate section of.

The agenda that is like kind of like the closed session report, that section where it's just kind of a section that's there as like a reference, if you're reading the agenda, there's the list of things.

So I think that's the hope of what this would look like, where you'd kind of be able to see down at the bottom, you know.

So and so versus county of LA and it would be just kind of linked right there?

So you don't have to go looking back to the January items that require you remembering what day or searching the website, which I never like searching that website. So so that was the kind of thinking. Yeah. Yeah. 'cause the way it is now with the board goes into.

SR **Staenberg, Robbie** 16:34

Hey, what's going on?

Not too bad.

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Closed Session discusses an item, authorizes to settle up to this amount, or at this amount, County Council goes.

To finalizes that settlement.

It's then to my understanding place like under the original closed session.

Does someone have to go back and look?

This would just have once that settlement is agreed to, there would be a section on the agenda that says this settlement was fine wise this person, this dollar file, OK.

Yeah. And I just want to give a shout out to my team of Diana Vargas, who provided me with these questions.

That's what I mean.

Anybody else?

All right.

And with that, the the office is going to file for the March 17th Board agenda.

Thank you.

All right.

And now we go to 3A.

This is the support person. We go off 1740.

Yes, this is Supervisor Horvath's motion in support of 801740, which is legislation

introduced to last month by A7 member Rick Zuburg that aims to modernize California's coastal permitting process by reducing unnecessary approval delays for limited activities in urban transit bridge communities in UR.

Coastal communities efforts to build housing at bike lanes expand outdoor dining, host temporary events, and even make minor building updates frequently require lengthy coastal development permit processes, creating delays and increasing costs. This legislation addresses us by creating a narrow, clearly defined category of urban multimodal communities and empowering those communities to administer a limited set of projects without requiring individual coastal development permits. To qualify, City must have at least one high quality transit corridor or transit priority area with stop.

Located in the coastal access zone.

Maintain class 1-2 or four bicycle facilities within the coastal access zone and have adopted plans with meditable targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to reduce fatal and severe traffic.

Including climate action plan and a local Rd. safety plan.

In these qualifying areas, a limited set of activities would be reviewed locally rather than requiring separate permits from the Coastal Commission. Those activities generally include updating existing buildings or changing building uses, managing and regulating parking, adding bus or bike infrastructure, constructing housing otherwise already permitted under state or.

Local law permitting managing or permitting or managing temporary events, such as those related to the 2028 Olympic Impairment games and approving and regulating outdoor dining.

By providing this targeted flexibility, highly urbanized areas, the bill is intended to reduce the delays and reduce certification, support, housing and mobility improvements, and strengthen economic revitalization efforts in the coastal area.

Does anybody have any questions?

I just want to ask a couple things.

Is solicit incorporated unincorporated?

Yes. Yeah.

And then really, I wanted to know why this is going to. Did you go to community municipal services tester? I prefer to John on because this is really for like DPW, regional planning, maybe even beaches, which is not in the, are you going to or? We've I think historically done most bills through operations close I I think.

But yeah, I think that it's more that the bills typically were coming here.

I understand what you're saying.

It probably should've gone through just but.

OK. Did you share the motion with?

We shared it with layer and layer send it around to to the partners and did any of the parts have any concerns?

We didn't get any any feedback.

We had a couple like minor like editing things in in the motion, but nothing from the departments, I mean. Oh, go ahead.

Oh God. OK.

I was gonna ask 'cause. Lara provided an analysis of the belt. Not yet. OK.

We'll leave it for this is heard on the 17th.

I can check in with us. I think they should.

Yeah, they. Yeah, they usually send it.

You know, I think we're landlocked, so, but you know, we have questions regarding do we care about the whole county, everybody in the county. But OK, I do have a question following up on Tammy 'cause. You mentioned saying that it was upon the cities and unincorporated areas, but.

In the bill itself, it seems to mention city specifically.

So is there a reason why you're saying it's also incorporated areas?

That was my understanding, but we can talk to the author's office.

OK.

I'm not sure either.

It might be that might just be.

That was, I think, certainly the author's intent. But yeah, we can talk about it and it's entirely voluntary, right?

The city applies for so, but if it's yeah, they wouldn't, just.

So yeah, we'll we'll talk to our.

Yeah, I think the language specifically mentioned cities. I'm gonna.

Well, exactly what it is.

So just to flag that that that may not be OK, we'll talk on the language.

That's good to know.

Would you want it to apply to notification?

Either way, it was more so.

Just a clarification question.

OK, point.

Yeah. And I guess since it is an opt in, yeah, maybe we would want an incorporate to be included or ask the auditor to just specifically step by that.

Yeah, it doesn't mean we would have to do it, but it would give the county the option to do it.

Yeah, just kind of I think for for my mind, it's just helpful to know whether or not unincorporated would be included or not as like the first step and then kind of going based on that gotcha, yeah, we can talk the authors office and and make sure that.

That was part of their intent.

Alright, no one has it.

SR **Staenberg, Robbie** 21:46

I I can jump in here.

I'm my name is Robbie Stamberg.

I'm with the ASSEMB members of Burr, the author. As of now, we do not include counties. We can take that under advisement and work with work with Brad and others to see if that's possible to add in.

But right now it is just cities.

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Thank you for clarifying.

Nobody has any other questions.

The office is welcome to move out for the March 17th vote agenda.

Thank you very much.

All right, we'll see.

Are there any public comments for either we may or we can speak up?

Raise your hand on teams.

They seen under or no decrepit items this week, so we'll move to general public comment.

Are there any general public comment this week?

We speak about raise your hand on teams.

In the back, we chair for adjournment.

Thank you very much.

All right, it is now 215 and Officer, thank you very much.

Thank you.

Yeah.

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