

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN ROOM 648 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M.

Present: Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo.

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the 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. **LAUSD, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 108 180 (and related case)

This is a Writ of Mandate filed by the Los Angeles County School District seeking a court order ruling that the Auditor-Controller has improperly reduced funding to public schools by improper distribution of property tax revenue.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$97,775.97 (apportioned to Belvedere Garbage Disposal District).

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

b. **LAUSD, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 108 180 (and related case)

This is a Writ of Mandate filed by the Los Angeles County School District seeking a court order ruling that the Auditor-Controller has improperly reduced funding to public schools by improper distribution of property tax revenue.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,608.26. (apportioned to Los Angeles County Lighting Maintenance District No. 1697)

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. **Alexander McEwan v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 628 989

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Department employee and a pedestrian.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$125,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Documents](#)

d. **Los Angeles County Hall of Justice Dewatering – Administrative Notice of Violation**
Los Angeles Regional Water Control Board Claim No. 7014-2870-0001-4613-2037

This is a Notice of Violation from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board against the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office relating to the utility plant at the Hall of Justice.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$84,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

e. **Kimberly Potter v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 622 014

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff received while rollerblading at Dockweiler Beach.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$250,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Documents](#)

f. **Seung Wook Kim v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 627 500

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner employee and a pedestrian.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$45,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

g. **Renate Claburn v. Los Angeles County Children Services et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 612 626

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Department of Children and Family Services employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$55,000.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$55,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

h. **Genevieve Duronslet v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:16-Cv-08933

This lawsuit alleges civil rights violations and discrimination by employees of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

i. **Non-Litigated Matter of Jason Torres**

This claim alleges that a Firefighter trainee was subjected to disability discrimination after he was disqualified from the application process.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$85,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

j. **Claim of Ernani D'Angelo, M.D.**

This claim alleges the Department of Health Services wrongfully terminated plaintiff.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$180,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

4. **Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

The Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as indicated under Agenda Item No. 3 above.

5. **Approval of the minutes of the July 16, 2018, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

6. **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.

7. **Adjournment.**

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	LAUSD et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BS 108180 and related cases
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 29, 2007
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works: Belvedere Garbage Disposal District; Department of Auditor-Controller
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 97,775.97
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Robert C. Pearman
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Peter S. Lee
NATURE OF CASE	<p>In 2007, Los Angeles Unified School District ("LAUSD") filed a lawsuit against the County, former redevelopment agencies, and various affected taxing entities regarding the Auditor-Controller's calculation of certain property tax revenues for schools related to Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund in the former redevelopment project areas.</p> <p>After two unfavorable Court of Appeal opinions and multiple years of negotiation, the County (i.e., County General Fund, Fire District, Flood Control District, and Library District) reached settlement agreements with the school districts in October and November of 2017 regarding retrospective liability and prospective calculation methodology.</p> <p>Due to Auditor-Controller's improper passthrough calculation, Belvedere Garbage Disposal District ("District") also received additional property tax revenues at the expense of LAUSD. We recommend approval of this proposed settlement to resolve District's liability owed to LAUSD consistent with the court rulings and County settlement.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 2,147,227.44 (This consists of in-house and outside counsel on the LAUSD case since 2007)
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 72,698.43 (same as above)

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CASE NAME	LAUSD et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BS 108180 and related cases
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 29, 2007
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works: Los Angeles County Lighting Maintenance District No. 1697; Department of Auditor-Controller
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 30,608.26
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Robert C. Pearman
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Peter S. Lee
NATURE OF CASE	<p>In 2007, Los Angeles Unified School District ("LAUSD") filed a lawsuit against the County, former redevelopment agencies, and various affected taxing entities regarding the Auditor-Controller's calculation of certain property tax revenues for schools related to Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund in the former redevelopment project areas.</p> <p>After two unfavorable Court of Appeal opinions and multiple years of negotiations, the County (i.e., County General Fund, Fire District, Flood Control District, and Library District) reached settlement agreements with the school districts in October and November of 2017 regarding retrospective liability and prospective calculation methodology.</p> <p>Due to Auditor-Controller's improper passthrough calculation, County Lighting Maintenance District No. 1697 ("District") also received additional property tax revenues at the expense of LAUSD. We recommend approval of this proposed settlement to resolve District's liability owed to LAUSD consistent with court rulings and County settlement.</p>
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PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ \$72,698.43 (same as above)

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Alexander McEwan v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC628989
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 2, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 125,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John Sheehan Barnes Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case involves a vehicle versus pedestrian accident that occurred on February 17, 2016, when a Sheriff's Department Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicle driven by a Sheriff's Department employee struck plaintiff Alexander McEwan while Mr. McEwan was jogging across Newhall Ranch Road within the marked crosswalk at the intersection of Grandview Drive in Santa Clarita. Mr. McEwan claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 8,804
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,238

Case Name: Alexander McEwan v. County of Los Angeles, et al.



Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p><u>Alexander McEwan v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Summary Corrective Action Plan 2018-006</p> <p>On Wednesday February 17, 2016, at approximately 6:15 p.m., an on-duty Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department sergeant assigned to Santa Clarita Valley Station was driving a marked black and white Chevrolet Tahoe patrol vehicle south on Grandview Drive when he stopped at a red light on Newhall Ranch Road. When the traffic light changed to green, the sergeant proceeded into the intersection and made a left turn (eastbound) onto Newhall Ranch Road.</p> <p>Simultaneously, the plaintiff was jogging southbound across the intersection from the northeast corner to the southeast corner, in a marked crosswalk.</p> <p>As the sergeant drove through the crosswalk, the driver's side mirror of his patrol vehicle struck the plaintiff, causing a loud noise. The sergeant immediately stopped and called for emergency medical services. The plaintiff was transported to Henry Mayo Hospital for medical treatment.</p> <p>The plaintiff suffered a nasal fracture, a 1" laceration to his head, and a concussion. The sergeant did not sustain any injuries.</p> <p>The sergeant said he never saw the plaintiff prior to the collision. The plaintiff stated he did not recall how the collision occurred and could only remember that he had been jogging.</p> <p>Note: At the time of the collision, the sun was down and the sky was dark and cloudy. The weather was described as "heavy rain" conditions.</p> <p>Although there are street lights along the curbs lining both Newhall Ranch Road and Grandview Drive, lighting and visibility at the area of impact was limited due to the heavy rain conditions and the distance from the street lights. The width of Newhall Ranch Road encompasses 10 lanes of traffic, including four through lanes in each direction and a right and left hand turn lane for westbound Newhall Ranch Road traffic.</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

The **Department** root cause of this incident is the sergeant failing to yield for a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Traffic Collision Investigation

This incident was thoroughly investigated by representatives from the Santa Clarita Valley Station, Traffic Unit. The collision investigation concluded that the sergeant caused this collision as he failed to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, in violation of California Vehicle Code section 21950(a).

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had relevant policies and procedures/protocols in effect at the time of the collision. The Department's training curriculum addresses the circumstances which occurred in the collision. Appropriate administrative action has been taken.

Audit And Assessment Of Employee Traffic Collisions At Santa Clarita Valley Station

Santa Clarita Valley Station conducted a review and assessment of all employee related traffic collisions from February 2016 through the end of 2017 calendar year. Based on the audit, a Traffic Collision Reduction – Risk Management Plan was developed.

The Santa Clarita Valley Station Traffic Collision Reduction – Risk Management Plan will serve as Santa Clarita Valley Station's outline for ongoing traffic collision reduction efforts. The intent of the plan is to reduce exposure to auto liability by reducing preventable traffic collisions and to minimize the loss or decline of Department resources.

During the audit, it was discovered that the total number of preventable traffic collisions between the 2016 calendar year and 2017 calendar year, decreased by approximately 32%.

The most frequently cited causes of preventable traffic collisions at Santa Clarita Valley Station were; unsafe turning movement (33%), unsafe backing (28%), and unsafe speed/following to close (21%).

Within this plan, specific risk management issues have been identified and goals have been established. Strict audits concerning the condition of the fleet and coordination between Department patrol stations and Traffic Services Detail will ensure timely and appropriate mitigation efforts.

Additionally, Santa Clarita Valley Station will expand driver's training to all employees involved in traffic collisions, and ensure they attend the Sheriff's Department Alternatives to Discipline Driving Course or the Sheriff Traffic Accident Reduction (S.T.A.R.) driving program.

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3. Are the corrective actions addressing Department-wide system issues?
- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address Department-wide system issues.
- ☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

Scott E. Johnson, Captain
Risk Management Bureau

Signature:



Date:

5/10/18

Name: (Department Head)

Alicia E. Ault, Chief
Professional Standards and Training Division

Signature:



Date:

5/14/18

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY

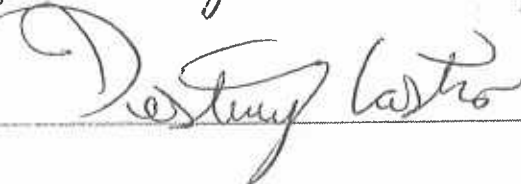
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- ☒ Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
- ☐ No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this Department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)

Destiny Castro

Signature:



Date:

5/14/2018

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Los Angeles County Hall of Justice Dewatering – Administrative Notice of Violation
CASE NUMBER	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Claim No. 7014-2870-0001-4613-2037
COURT	Not Applicable
DATE FILED	Not Applicable
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department; District Attorney's Office
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 84,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Laura T. Jacobson Deputy County Counsel Tracey J. Egoscue Egoscue Law Group
NATURE OF CASE	The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System issued a permit violation of effluent limitations at the Los Angeles County Hall of Justice plant.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 6,676
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 14,260

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Kimberly Potter v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC622014
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 27, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Beaches and Harbors
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Neil Steiner Steiner & Libo
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On May 24, 2015, Plaintiff Kimberly Potter tripped and fell while rollerblading on South Marine Avenue at Dockweiler Beach. She sustained a left femur fracture which required surgery. She claims recoverable past medical expenses, future medical expenses, past lost earnings and future lost earnings, and general damages for pain and suffering.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$250,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 113,714
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 16,521



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Date of incident/event:	May 24, 2015
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>Location of the incident: Dockweiler State Beach, 8255 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey, CA 90293</p> <p>On May 24, 2015, Kimberly Potter was rollerblading on South Marine Avenue, an access road, at Dockweiler State Beach when she tripped and fell, sustaining a fractured femur. She alleged that her fall was due to her rollerblade wheels getting caught in a large crack in the road surface. Additionally, she alleged that she had a couple of subsequent trip and falls since the incident, which were due to her inability to lift her leg, a condition generated by the original fracture.</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

1. The road patch that was covering previous trenching was becoming separated from the rest of the road. As a result, the roadway was uneven.
2. The access road was not included in quarterly maintenance inspections.
3. Non-Department Root Cause – The plaintiff was engaged in the hazardous activity of rollerblading on an access road that was not suitable for this purpose.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

October 2017 – In October 2017, the Department issued a work order to the Department of Public Works (DPW) to repair the depressions/cracks along the full length of the access road, including the portion of the road that was the situs of the accident. In January 2018, DPW returned to the location and completed follow-up repairs.

May 2018 – In May 2018, the Department included access roads (all beaches) as facilities to be inspected on a quarterly basis. Previously, only parking lots, buildings and walkways were included in the general quarterly inspection. (Note: Trouble tickets are issued at the time if obvious hazards are observed during the course of the workday). Access roads were inspected more informally by employees while driving on them. Pavement cracks and various imperfections will be evaluated, prioritized and scheduled for repair.

May - September 2018 – The road has signage prohibiting bicycling but other modes of wheeled transportation are not included in the prohibition. The Department will revise the signage to indicate the road is an access road and not suitable for recreational activity.

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August 2018 – In addition to the quarterly inspections, one beach in each of three beach maintenance districts and public facilities in the Marina district will be rotated on a monthly basis in the coming year for a thorough inspection to develop a baseline list of maintenance items and safety hazards.

September 2018 – Inspection checklists will be updated to include more detail and will be customized for each facility.

The person responsible for implementing these actions is Kenneth Foreman, Chief of the Operational Services Division.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)
Stefan D. Popescu

Signature:



Date:

5/24/2018

Name: (Department Head)
GARY JONES

Signature:



Date:

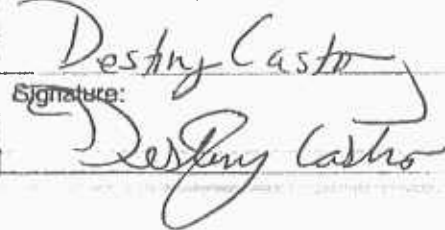
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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- ☐ Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
☒ No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)

Destiny Castro
Signature: 

Date:

5/24/2018

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Seung Wook Kim v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 627500
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 6, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Medical Examiner - Coroner
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 45,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Han S. Lee, Esquire Law Offices of Brian W. Toppila
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This lawsuit arises from a pedestrian versus automobile accident that occurred on April 21, 2016, in which Plaintiff Seung Wook Kim was injured when a Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner's employee collided with Mr. Kim as he was laying on the ground on Grandview Street when the employee was backing up a Coroner's van from Saint Vincent's Medical Center's driveway.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 22,598
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,718

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Claburn, Renate v. Los Angeles County Children Services, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 612626
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 4, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 55,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Ameer A. Shah, Esquire Law Offices of Ameer A. Shah
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on March 6, 2014, in which the Plaintiff Renate Claburn, a passenger, was injured when a vehicle driven by a Department of Children and Family Services employee collided into vehicle driven by Plaintiff's husband Beuford Claburn at the intersection of Bloomfield Avenue and Florence Avenue in the City of Santa Fe Springs.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 16,423
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,834

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Genevieve Duronslet v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:16-CV-08933
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	November 3, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Greg Garrotto, Esq. Law Offices of Greg W. Garrotto
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jessie Lee Deputy County Counsel Avi Burkwitz, Esq. Peterson Bradford Burkwitz
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Plaintiff Genevieve Duronslet filed this action against the County and three Department of Children and Family Services social workers alleging that they discriminated against her and violated her civil rights while she temporarily stayed at a youth shelter formerly operated by the Department of Children and Family Services.</p> <p>Defendants deny the allegations and contend their actions were reasonable.</p> <p>Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid future litigation costs.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 76,024
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,720

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

July 16, 2018

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Kelsey Nau and Stacey Lee; Department of Beaches and Harbors: Stefan Popescu and Kerry Silverstrom; Department of Public Works: Adam Ariki and Jeffrey Howard.

2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the 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)

At 9:33 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(b) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 9:52 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

a. Anthony Kevin Lee v. County of Los Angeles, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 677 506

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained when Plaintiff was run over by a maintenance truck driven by an employee from the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$75,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

b. Suhail Malki v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 643 179

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee from the Department of Public Works was subjected to harassment, retaliation, and discrimination based on disability and age.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$72,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

5. Approval of the minutes of the July 2, 2018, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

6. 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.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By 
Sandra C. Ruiz