

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN PERSON AND ONLINE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, AT 9:30 A.M.

Present: Chair Destiny Castro, Adrienne M. Byers, and Oscar Valdez

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 member of the public was on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board.

3. **Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a)).**

- a. **Adrien Szostak v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV24198**

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained in a traffic collision involving a Department of Public Works employee driving a department vehicle.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(a) in the amount of \$47,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. **Machado Lake TMDL Mandatory Min. Penalties–Admin. Notice of Violation Settlement Offer No. R4-2024-0021**

This Notice of Violation against the Los Angeles County Flood Control District alleged violations of MS4 Permit requirements.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(b) in the amount of \$93,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Document](#)

**c. Mercury Insurance Company v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV24817**

This subrogation lawsuit seeks reimbursement of the insurance benefits Plaintiff paid to its insured as a result of a multiple vehicle collision involving an employee of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(c) in the amount of \$40,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Document](#)

**d. Mary Evans v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. 21STCV45883 and 23TRCV02728**

These two lawsuits against the Fire Department arise from brush clearance that occurred at Plaintiff's property—Plaintiff alleged damages for trespass, negligence, and inverse condemnation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(d) in the amount of \$90,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Document](#)

e. Non-Litigated Claim of Daniel W. Austin

This property damage claim against the Department of Parks and Recreation arises from a mudslide originating in Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area that flowed onto Claimant's property.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(e) in the amount of \$93,295.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Document](#)

f. **AJSOCAL v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCP00307

This petition for writ of mandate against the Sheriff's Department involves a California Public Records Act request.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(f) in the amount of \$60,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Document](#)

g. **Gabrielle Bynum v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-cv-04453

This federal civil rights lawsuit arises from Plaintiff's participation in a protest that took place on September 7, 2020, near South Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Station.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(g) in the amount of \$485,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Destiny Castro, and Oscar Valdez
Noes: 1 – Adrienne M. Byers

[See Supporting Documents](#)

h. **Non-Litigated Tax Claims of Hernandez and Gallegos**

These two tax claims brought by property owners allegedly impacted by fraudulent behavior of home improvement contractors under the County's PACE program seek compensation for incomplete construction.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued Item 3(h) to a future meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Document](#)

i. **Golden State Practice Management, LLC v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SC126530

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Department of Medical Examiner interfered with Plaintiffs' ability to do business because of the investigation and autopsy report arising out of the death of a patient who underwent surgery at one of Plaintiffs' facilities.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(i) in the amount of \$99,999.99 for economic reasons only.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro
Noes: 1 – Oscar Valdez

[See Supporting Document](#)

4. **Approval of the Minutes for the August 19, 2024, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the August 19, 2024, meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Document](#)

5. **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 an 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.

6. **Adjournment.**

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Adrien Szostak vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV24198
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 27, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 47,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Mike Arias, Esq. Arias Sanguinetti Wang & Torrijos, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Melissa McCaverty, Esq. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On July 26, 2021, a Department of Public Works vehicle, rear-ended a vehicle driven by Plaintiff Adrien Szostak, on Golden Valley Road and Centre Pointe Parkway in the City of Santa Clarita. Plaintiff alleges the collision caused injuries for which he seeks compensation.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement in the amount of \$47,500 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 16,045
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 6,901

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Machado Lake TMDL Mandatory Minimum Penalties – Administrative Notice of Violation
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	January 10, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Flood Control District
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 93,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	State Board Office of Enforcement
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Grace Chang
NATURE OF CASE	This is a settlement of Clean Water Act stormwater permit violations. Water quality numeric effluent limitations were exceeded in violation of the permit.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 5,865
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ -0-

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Mercury Insurance Company vs. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	22STCV24817
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 1, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Mark R. Nivinskus, Esq. Nivinskus Law Group, a Law Corporation
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Sanjay Athalye Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This subrogation lawsuit filed by Mercury Insurance Company refers to an incident that occurred on August 20, 2020, when a Department of Children and Family Services' employee, Sean Harris, was driving under the course of employment and rear-ended the vehicle driven by Matthew Benoist. The impact pushed Mr. Benoist's vehicle into the car in front of him driven by Peter Butch. Mercury Insurance provided liability coverage for Mr. Harris' personal vehicle and paid for all damages without knowing that Mr. Harris was in the course of employment when the accident occurred.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$40,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 7,411
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 356

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	<u>Mary Evans v. County of Los Angeles</u>
CASE NUMBERS	21STCV45883 and 23TRCV02728
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 9, 2020 and August 19, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Fire Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 90,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Timothy McGonigle Timothy D. McGonigle Prof. Corp., Charles S. Krolikowski Newmeyer & Dillion LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jenny P. Tam Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$90,500, two civil lawsuits brought by Mary Evans ("Ms. Evans"), against the Los Angeles County Fire Department ("Department") involving brush clearance that occurred on her property.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 37,129
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 8,466

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Daniel W. Austin
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Parks and Recreation
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 93,295.00
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Mark W. Lomax, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from a mudslide originating in the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area and flowing onto the Claimant's property in February 2024. Settlement of this claim, involving property damage only, will avoid attorneys' fees and court costs incurred in defending a lawsuit.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ -0-
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ -0-

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	AJSOCAL v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
CASE NUMBER	23STCP00307
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 3, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 60,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Khaled Abbas Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Yufei Wang Asian Americans Advancing Justice
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Irene Lee Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$60,000 [the Petition] brought by Asian Americans Advancing Justice ("AAAJ"), against the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ("Department") involving a writ on a CPRA request.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 71,092
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 53

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Gabrielle Bynum v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-04453
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	June 1, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 485,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Thomas C. Seabaugh Law Office of Thomas C. Seabaugh
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle the federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Gabrielle Bynum ("Plaintiff") arising out of her participation in a protest on September 7, 2020, for a sum of \$485,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs.</p> <p>Due to the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$485,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 136,072
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 28,015



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:	September 7, 2020, approximately 10:30 p.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;">Summary Corrective Action Plan 2023-137</p> <p>Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident.</p> <p>Multiple investigative reports indicated on September 7, 2020, an organized protest occurred due to a deputy-involved shooting. As the protest persisted, a Mobil Field Force (MFF) and Sheriff's Response Team (SRT) was activated. Upon MFF and SRT's arrival, they provided structural support for the Sheriff's Station.</p> <p>The SRT established a perimeter in front of the Sheriff's Station. The SRT personnel manned static barriers and monitored protestors who were boisterous, agitated, and belligerent towards law enforcement. A large portion of the protestors left the area without incident. Still, approximately 100 protestors remained in the alleyway and the parking lot of the strip mall utilizing shields.</p> <p>The protestors pushed "the sign" and a shopping cart towards the scrimmage line. Verbal commands were given to the protestors via the public address system and both the sign and shopping cart were removed by SRT personnel. The protestors became more aggressive by pushing a wooden dresser towards Los Angeles County Sheriff's personnel.</p> <p>Sergeant One deemed the desk to pose an immediate threat to personnel and ordered Deputy Four to discharge the pepper ball gun. Deputy Four was instructed to fire the pepper ball rounds at the desk. As the rounds struck the desk, the protestors began to throw glass bottles, frozen water bottles, rocks, and mortar fireworks at them.</p> <p>SRT personnel fired less lethal munitions to clear the alley and the adjacent strip mall parking lot. Due to the crowds' increasingly volatile behavior, an unlawful assembly was declared. A dispersal order was given to the protestors. The protestors were given specific verbal instructions to vacate the area.</p> <p>Video of the incident depicts protestors and the Plaintiff running east to west across the parking lot. The Plaintiff stood up from behind a cinder block wall located at the southeast corner of the parking lot.</p>

	<p>Approximately 23 seconds after the pepper ball rounds were fired at the wooden desk, the Plaintiff ran diagonally across the parking lot in a northwesterly direction. The Plaintiff stopped momentarily in the middle of the parking lot where she stated she was struck.</p> <p>The Plaintiff took approximately 8 seconds to move to the other side of the parking lot. The Plaintiff was not subjected to any use-of-force afterwards and was not arrested.</p> <p>The Plaintiff does not know which type of munition struck her, and she also does not know specifically which deputy sheriff is responsible for her injuries. The Plaintiff sustained an injury.</p> <p>Deputy One deployed the pepper ball launcher. The purpose of utilizing the pepper ball launcher was to saturate the area which would aid in dispersing the remainder of the protesters. Deputy One stated he was standing approximately 20 to 30 feet south of the southern side of the strip mall parking lot. Deputy One fired his weapon towards the ground and the laundromat located on the east side of the parking lot. Deputy One did not fire his weapon at any one person.</p> <p>Deputy Two deployed the Less Lethal Launcher FN303. Deputy Two focused the FN303 rounds toward the adjacent alley in different parts of the strip mall parking lot. Deputy Two did not observe anyone being struck by the FN303 pepper ball rounds. He utilized the FN303 to saturate the area being occupied by the protesters.</p> <p>Deputy Three deployed a 40mm multi-shot launcher.</p> <p>Several protesters were arrested for Failure to Disperse at an Unlawful Assembly, in violation of California Penal Code – 409.</p>
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the deputy sheriffs' utilization of munitions (use of less lethal) to disperse an unlawful assembly.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff's refusal to adhere to the sheriff's lawful order to disperse from the area which was deemed an unlawful assembly.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the deputies were not equipped with Body-Worn Camera. The recorded video would have captured the deputies' contact with the plaintiff in order to prove or disprove plaintiffs' allegations.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy Three made inconsistent statements as to his use-of-force.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Administrative Investigation

Upon the completion of the administrative investigation, it will be submitted for approval.

This corrective action plan will be supplemented with the report to include:

- Any personnel-related administrative action taken
- Any systemic issues (e.g., training, curriculum, etc.) identified
- Any other corrective action measure(s) identified or taken

Policy - Use of Kinetic Energy Projectiles and Chemical Weapons to Disperse Assemblies, Protests, and/or Demonstrations.

Policy Update - The Use of Less Lethal Weapons During Civil Unrest.

Sheriff personnel involved in this incident received additional training pertaining to the circumstances surrounding this incident.

Body-Worn Cameras (BWC)

As of July 11, 2021, all sworn personnel assigned to Norwalk, Walnut, and West Hollywood Stations were issued a Body Worn Camera in an effort to ensure all public contacts are transparent.

Emergency Operations Bureau has not been issued BWCs.

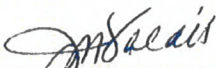
The use of BWC's ensures reliable recording of enforcement and investigative contacts with the public. The Department established policy and procedures for the purpose, use, and deployment of the Department issued BWC.


County of Los Angeles
Summary Corrective Action Plan


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) Julia M. Valdés, A/Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 06/15/2024

Name: (Department Head) Myron Johnson Assistant Sheriff, Patrol Operations	
Signature: 	Date: 7/25/24

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY	
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this Department.	
Name: Daniela Prowizor-Lacayo (Risk Management Inspector General)	
Signature: 	Date: 8/22/2024

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Two Tax Claims: Carolina Carrillo Hernandez and Norma Gallegos
CASE NUMBER	None
COURT	None
DATE FILED	None.
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Internal Services Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	Carolina Carrillo Hernandez: Up to \$48,998.93 Norma Gallegos: Up to \$74,706.21
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	None
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael Owens
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to pay two tax claims brought by property owners impacted by fraudulent behavior of home improvement contractors under the County's PACE Program. Each Claimant alleges their home improvement contractors did not complete construction on Claimant's residential property.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Golden State Practice Management, et. al. v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	SC 126530
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 7, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Medical Examiner
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,999.99
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Mark E. Madison, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Georgina Glaviano Deputy County Counsel Health Services Division Jon F. Monroy Jennifer E. Gysler Monroy, Averbuck & Gysler
NATURE OF CASE	The lawsuit alleges that the finding in the Department of Medical Examiners' autopsy report and investigation of the death of Paula Rojas, who underwent lap band surgery at Valley Surgical, on September 8, 2011, and died on the surgical table, interfered with the Plaintiffs' ability to do business. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of this matter is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 165,301
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 10,076

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 2024

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:34 a.m. The meeting was held virtually, with Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro, Claims Board Member Oscar Valdez, Claims Board Member Adrienne M. Byers, and Claims Board Secretary Laura Z. Salazar participating in person at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Sixth Floor, Conference Room C, Los Angeles, California 90012.

All other participants at the Claims Board meeting appeared virtually: Yuan Chang, Melissa McCaverty, Kevin J. Engeli, Richard Hsueh, Latasha N. Corry, Michael J. Gordon, and Kent Sommer appeared for the Office of the County Counsel. Andrew Ngumba, Ronald Castaneda, Michele Chimienti, and Venessa Estrada appeared for the Department of Public Works. Sergeant Shanese E. Winfrey, Deputy Renata K. Phillip, Commander Alfred M. Reyes, Captain Steven H. Tousey, Lieutenant Daniel Dail, Commander Robert L. Jones II, Captain Chris M. Kusayanagi, Undersheriff April L. Tardy, Commander Rick O. Rector, Captain Julia M. Valdes, Captain Jorge A. Meza, Captain Nicole N. Palomino, Lieutenant Tania A. Giggles, Lieutenant Dion Battee, and Deputy Brad D. Jerzykowski appeared for the Sheriff's Department. Christina Lee appeared for the Department of Children and Family Services. Raymond Sakai appeared for Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi, PC. Allen Thomas appeared for Thomas Law Firm, Inc. Gary Bacio appeared for Bacio & Associates.

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 member of the public appeared in person or on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board.

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a)).

At 9:34 a.m., Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro convened the meeting in closed session to discuss the items listed below as 4(a) through 4(i).

4. Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session.

No members of the public were present on the teleconference phone line to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 12:05 p.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session to report the actions taken in closed session as follows:

a. Non-Litigated Claims of Daniel Chung and Goldweigh III, LLC

This inverse condemnation claim against the Department of Public Works contends that a sewer mainline blockage and backflow caused damage to Claimants' property.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(a) in the amount of \$32,539.82.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

**b. Lorraine Williams v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV35796**

This dangerous condition of public property lawsuit against the Department of Public Works arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained from a trip and fall that occurred in unincorporated Altadena.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(b) in the amount of \$95,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

**c. Marina Rodriguez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV18044**

This dangerous condition of public property lawsuit against the Department of Public Works arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained from a trip and fall incident on a parkway in unincorporated Florence.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4(c) in the amount of \$125,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

**d. Jaime A. Byrne v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV09744**

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained in a multi-vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Department vehicle driven by a sergeant.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4(d) in the amount of \$600,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Destiny Castro
Noes: 1 – Adrienne M. Byers

**e. Ricardo Lopez-Garcia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV07044**

This personal injury lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery by Sheriff's Department deputies responding to a robbery and arson call involving Plaintiff.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board did not recommend to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4(e) in the amount of \$1,300,000.

Vote: Ayes: 1 – Adrienne M. Byers
Noes: 2 – Destiny Castro, and Oscar Valdez

f. **Jose Santana Pineda v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV27933

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Department patrol car driven by a deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(f) in the amount of \$37,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

g. **Michael Grace, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV40206

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a multi-vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Department patrol car driven by a deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(g) in the amount of \$100,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

h. **Maria Moreno v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV43696

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Department patrol car driven by a deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(h) in the amount of \$90,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

i. **Tasgerginnae Tanner v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV02795

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Children and Family Services was subjected to discrimination and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(i) in the amount of \$75,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

5. Approval of the Minutes for the August 5, 2024, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:


The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the August 5, 2024, meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Adrienne M. Byers, and Destiny Castro

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By 
Laura Z. Salazar
Claims Board Secretary