

**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, JUNE 21, 2010, AT 9:30 AM**

Present: John Naimo, Steven NyBlom and John Krattli

The following items were presented to the Claims Board for consideration and the Claims Board took actions as indicated in bold.

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. Lily Kwok v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 401 347

This lawsuit arises from an automobile accident involving an employee of the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$60,000.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- b. Bertha Ruiz v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC 054 326

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from a single vehicle automobile accident which occurred on Glendale Ridge Road; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$50,000.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this matter.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- c. Alejandro Franco v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 09-00893

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries received by an inmate while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board authorized a statutory offer. The substance of the settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry if the offer is accepted.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- d. Cherise Sorbello v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 00119849

This lawsuit arises from a vehicle accident involving an employee of the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- e. Raul Jimenez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 396 567

This lawsuit arises from a vehicle accident involving an employee of the Department of Social Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$48,000.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

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 June 7, 2010, regular meeting of the Claims Board and the June 9, 2010, special meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The minutes for the meeting of June 7, 2010, regular meeting of the Claims Board and the June 9, 2010, special meeting of the Claims Board were approved.

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Supporting Documents](#)

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	Lily Kwok v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC401347
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	01/09/2008
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 60,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Paul S. Zuckerman, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Brian T. Chu Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On January 9, 2008, at approximately 5:10 p.m. Lily Kwok was traveling in the westbound number one lane on Sunset Boulevard towards its intersection with Elysian Park Avenue, City of Los Angeles. At the same time, a Sheriff's patrol unit was traveling directly behind Mrs. Kwok's vehicle. As Mrs. Kwok slowed and then stopped for a red traffic signal in her direction, the Sheriff's deputy also attempted to slow. The deputy, however, was unable to stop the patrol unit in time before it collided into the rear of Mrs. Kwok's vehicle.

As a result of the collision, Mrs. Kwok sustained soft tissue injuries to her neck, shoulder and lower back. She claims radiating pain to her lower extremities and had to undergo several dagnostic studies before resorting to corrective surgery. While somewhat improved, she continues to experience soft tissue pain in her left leg, low back and cervical spine areas.

Mrs. Kwok filed suit against the County and its Sheriff's deputy contending motor vehicle negligence and vicarious liability.

Due to the inherent risks and uncertainties involved in a trial, the potential liability and potential exposure to an adverse verdict, the County proceeded with settlement negotiations and was eventually able to develop this recommended settlement with the plaintiff.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$	54,919
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$	19,681

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



Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	Wednesday, January 9, 2008, 5:10 p.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kwok v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> (Summary Corrective Action Plan Number 2010-010)</p> <p>On Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at approximately 5:10 p.m., an on-duty Los Angeles County deputy sheriff was driving a standard black and white patrol vehicle west on Sunset Boulevard, east on Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, when the vehicle he was driving collided with the plaintiff's vehicle.</p>

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

A public entity is responsible for the negligent acts of its employees when the acts are committed in the course and scope of employment.

As a result of this traffic collision, the plaintiff alleges injuries to her neck, shoulder, and back.

The plaintiff's vehicle, a 1996 Toyota Camry, California License Number 3BRN997, sustained minor damage.

The patrol vehicle, a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria, California License Number 1149352, sustained moderate damage.

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

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had relevant policies and procedure/protocols in effect at the time of this incident.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's training curriculum addresses the circumstances which occurred in this incident.

This traffic collision was thoroughly investigated by representatives of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Their investigation concluded that the driver of the patrol vehicle caused the collision by violating California Vehicle Code Section 22350, Basic Speed Law.

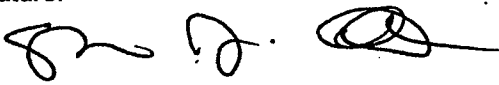
The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's administrative review revealed employee misconduct. Appropriate administrative action was taken.

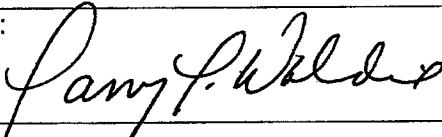
This summary corrective action plan has no countywide implications (see #3 below).

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:
(If unsure, please contact the Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch for assistance)

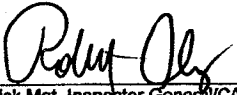
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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)	
Shaun J. Mathers, Acting Captain, Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 3/29/10

Name: (Department Head)	
Larry L. Waldie, Undersheriff	
Signature: 	Date: 03/30/10

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch

Name:	
Robert Chavez	
Signature: 	Date: 04-07-10

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CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Bertha Ruiz and Roel De Jesus v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	KC 054326
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	11/17/2008
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Chad Biggins, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Tighe F. Hudson Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a single vehicle accident which occurred midday on April 22, 2008 on Glendora Ridge Road. Bertha Ruiz (age 19) and Roel De Jesus (age 19) were passengers in the vehicle driven by 24 year old Francisco Vargas. The driver lost control of the vehicle on a sharp curve, veered off the roadway and crashed down the steep mountainside. Plaintiffs allege that the roadway lacked guardrail and signage which created a dangerous roadway condition and that roadway features contributed to this accident.

Due to the inherent risks and uncertainties involved in a trial, the potential liability and potential exposure to an adverse verdict, the County proceeded with settlement negotiations which resulted in this recommended settlement with the plaintiffs.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$	\$87,463
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$	\$30,281



Summary Corrective Action Plan

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works



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Claim/Lawsuit:	Bertha Ruiz and Roel De Jesus
Date of incident/event:	April 22, 2008
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>On April 22, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., Bertha Ruiz and Roel De Jesus were passengers in a 1994 Acura Integra driven by Francisco Barranco Vargas, and were traveling westbound on Glendora Ridge Road, 6.4 miles west of post marker 0.1/Mount Baldy Road, in the Angeles National Forest.</p> <p>The plaintiffs state they were traveling at a speed appropriate for the area when their vehicle lost traction "due to the unsafe and poorly maintained roadway"; subsequently went through a stone wall and then down the embankment.</p> <p>The plaintiffs allege that the subject stone wall had been struck and damaged by previous accidents and further contend that the County failed to adequately warn drivers about the curve at this location and created a dangerous condition of the roadway.</p>

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

During the course of litigation, it was learned that prior to the incident, the driver of the vehicle had the right front axle serviced and repaired on April 12, 2008. According to the driver, while traveling along Glendora Ridge Road at the incident location, the axle broke which then caused him to lose control of the vehicle. The driver stated that the broken axle is the sole cause of the accident.

Based on our review, the roadway was inspected and maintained in accordance with our standards and no design or maintenance related issues were found to have contributed in any way to the incident. Mr. Vargas lost control of his vehicle due to his own negligence and/or mechanical failures associated with his vehicle, which resulted in an unreasonable and/or unintended use of the roadway.

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
 Summary Corrective Action Plan

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

In keeping with the County's Risk Management Goals to reduce the costs of litigation, Public Works has agreed to resolve the case at the proposed settlement offer. And while we agree with the driver's sworn statement that there was nothing wrong with the roadway, and believe as he does that the root cause of this accident was the mechanical failure of the car's front axle, we propose the following measures at the incident location:

By May 31, 2010, our Road Maintenance Division will regrade the existing drainage invert along the shoulder at the incident location to reduce the risk of out-of-control vehicles vaulting over the existing aesthetic wall. By June 30, 2010, our Traffic & Lighting Division (T&L) will complete a traffic study of the curve at this location to determine if any additional devices or traffic control measures are warranted. T&L will also evaluate the need/value of installing additional signage on Glendora Ridge Road, advising motorists that racing, drifting, and/or speeding is unlawful.

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:
 (If unsure, please contact the Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch for assistance)

- Potentially has Countywide implications.
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Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator) <i>for Steve M. Hennessee</i> Steven G. Steinhoff	Date: 3-17-2010
Signature: (Director) Gail Farber <i>Gail Farber</i>	Date: 3-22-10.

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Robert Chavez
 Robert Chavez, CEO RWIS

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CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Cherise Sorbello v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	00119849
COURT	Orange County Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 11, 2009
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 30,000.00
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Law Offices of Michael R. Cully & Associates
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Vicki Kozikoujekian Principal Deputy County Counsel (213) 974-8208
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On September 2, 2009, a Sheriff's Deputy, while in the course and scope of his employment, struck the front and rear passenger sides of Plaintiff's vehicle.</p> <p>Plaintiff claims that the Sheriff's Deputy negligently struck her vehicle, because he made an unsafe move on the freeway. The County claims that due to the cars in front of the Sheriff's Deputy abruptly stopping, he applied his brakes and swerved to the right to avoid a major collision.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, the Sheriff's</p>

Department proposes a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$30,000.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$	10,336.00
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$	6,915.62

Case Name: Cherise Sorbello v. County of Los Angeles, et al.



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Date of incident/event:	Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 9:51 a.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p><u>Cherise Sorbello v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> (Summary Corrective Action Plan Number 2010-011)</p> <p>On Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at approximately 9:51 a.m., an on-duty Los Angeles County deputy sheriff was driving an unmarked vehicle west on SR-91, east of Coyote Creek, La Palma (County of Orange), when the vehicle he was driving collided with the plaintiff's vehicle.</p>

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

A public entity is responsible for the negligent acts of its employees when the acts are committed in the course and scope of employment.

As a result of this traffic collision, the plaintiff alleges injuries to her right knee, head, and soft tissue injury to her neck, back, and ribs.

The vehicle the plaintiff was driving, a 2003 Mercedes Benz E320, California License Number 5FQH436, sustained moderate damage.

The vehicle the deputy sheriff was driving, a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, California License Number 1291100, sustained moderate damage.

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

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had relevant policies and procedure/protocols in effect at the time of this incident.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's training curriculum addresses the circumstances which occurred in this incident.

This traffic collision was thoroughly investigated by representatives from the California Highway Patrol and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Their investigations concluded that the deputy sheriff caused the traffic collision by violating California Vehicle Code Section 22107, Turning Movements and Required Signals, and California Vehicle Code section 21703, Following Too Closely.

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The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's administrative review revealed employee misconduct. Appropriate administrative action was taken.

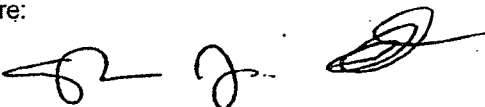
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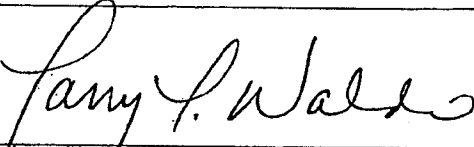
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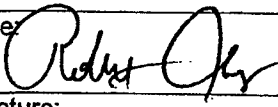
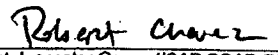
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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)	
Shaun J. Mathers, Acting Captain, Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 3/31/10

Name: (Department Head)	
Larry L. Waldie, Undersheriff	
Signature: 	Date: 04-02-10

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch

Name: 	
Signature: 	Date: 4/27/10

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CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Raul Jimenez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC396567
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court Central District
DATE FILED	July 6, 2006
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Social Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 48,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Law Offices of Jacob Emrani
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Vicki Kozikoujekian Principal Deputy County Counsel (213) 974-8208
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On April 5, 2005, a Department of Public Social Services employee, while in the course and scope of her employment, was involved in a multi-vehicle collision with plaintiff's vehicle.</p> <p>Plaintiff claims that the Public Social Services employee negligently caused the collision with his vehicle, because she was following too closely and was inattentive. The County claims that the plaintiff failed to maintain his vehicle in a safe manner and thus contributed to the collision.</p>

Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, the Department of Public Social Services proposes a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$48,000.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$	63,968.20
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$	6,508.29

Summary Corrective Action Plan



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Date of incident/event:	April 25, 2005
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>The accident sequence began when Plaintiff's steering wheel began to shake and his being unable to control several involuntary lane changes - the right front wheel then flew off, right about when he stopped mostly on the shoulder. Former defendant Tchakerian, who was traveling immediately behind Plaintiff in the Number Two, freeway lane was able to slow in time to avoid striking the rear of Plaintiff's Tahoe, but she was still moving when struck from the rear by the Jeep operated by our DPSS employee Jocelyn Burt. Plaintiff blames Burt for his damages since she hit Tchakerian's vehicle and caused Tchakerian's car to hit his Tahoe.</p> <p>DPSS/County driver Burt was northbound SR-14 (Antelope Valley Freeway) behind a Big Rig in the Number One, freeway lane at approximately 65 mph. She saw truck moving left ahead into the Number One, lane and she began to slow. The truck in front of her moved left and she saw vehicles stopping abruptly in front of her. She tried to move left but could not merge due to traffic. She slammed on the brakes and collided with the rear of the Lexus driven by Tchakerian, continuing forward and coming to a stop in front of Plaintiff's Tahoe and Tchakerian's Lexus.</p>

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

DPSS employee Jocelyn Burt did not create the unseen emergencies ahead of her and reacted to the "sudden emergency" (imminent peril) presented on the freeway. A Traffic Collision Report was completed at the accident scene and the reporting officer did not cite Burt for the multi-vehicle collision. The reporting officer attributed the cause of the accident to DPSS employee Burt for traveling at an unsafe speed for conditions of traffic, violating Section 22350 of the Vehicle Code.

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

The department will develop and implement a Safe Driver policy which will require the review of all business-related vehicle accidents.

The due date for implementation of this policy will be December 2010. The six-month time line is needed in order to consult with County Counsel, CEO Risk Management Branch and the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to ensure the DPSS Safe Driver policy is within the perimeters of the state vehicle code, established County policies relative to mileage permittee drivers and to circumvent any legal liabilities for the County. DPSS Human Resources Division will be responsible for the development of this policy.

Decision to settle is an economic decision.

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:
(If unsure, please contact the Chief Executive Office Risk Management Branch for assistance)

Potentially has County-wide implications.

Potentially has implications to other departments (i.e., all human services, all safety departments, or one or more other departments).

Does not appear to have County-wide or other department implications.

Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator)	Date:
Signature: (Department Head)	Date:

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Robert Chavez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 7, 2010

1. Call to Order.

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:31 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: John Naimo, Steven NyBlom, and John F. Krattli.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Brian Chu and Andrea Ross; Department of Public Works: Michael Hays, Keith Lehto, and John Walker; Department of Mental Health: Zoe Trachtenberg.

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 9:39 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(g).

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 11:08 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

a. Cherise Sorbello v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 00119849

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident involving an employee of the Sheriff's Department; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$30,000.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this item.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- b. Lily Kwok v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 401 347

This lawsuit arises from an automobile accident involving an employee of the Sheriff's Department; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$60,000.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued this item.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- c. Claim of Michael Cho

This claim seeks compensation for property damage caused by a sewer back up.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$29,028.94.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- d. Claim of Sandra Dixon

This claim seeks compensation for property damage caused by a sewer back up.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$98,655.34.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

e. Claim of the City of Paramount

This claim seeks compensation for property damage caused by a sewer back up.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$34,809.96.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

f. Claim of John Keats

This claim seeks compensation for property damage caused by a sewer back up.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$220,449.78.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

g. Spencer B. v. Hart Union School District; Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

This matter concerns allegations of deprivation of educational rights and mental health services by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$47,500.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

5. Approval of the minutes for the May 17, 2010, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

The minutes of the May 17, 2010, regular meeting of the Claims Board were approved.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

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.

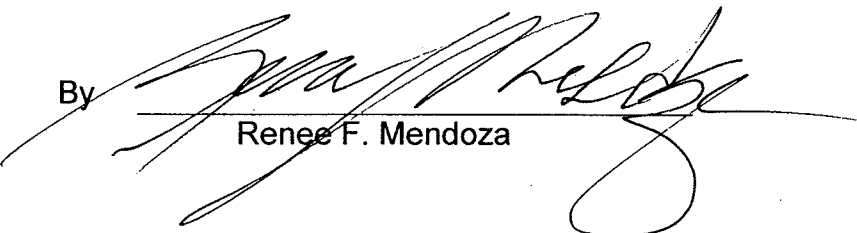
No such matters were discussed.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By



Renee F. Mendoza

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

June 9, 2010

1. Call to Order.

This Special meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 3:03 p.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: John Naimo, Steven NyBlom and John Krattli.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Mary Wickhan, Manuel Valenzuela, Jr., and Narbeh Bagdasarian; Office of Affirmative Action: David Kim; Department of Community and Senior Services: Stacey M. Winters; Probation Department: Tracy Jordan-Johnson; Department of Health Services: Gail V. Anderson, M.D., Nicolas Testa, M.D., Bonnie Bilitch; Outside Counsel: Areva Martin and Maurice Kane.

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 3:07 p.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(c) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 4:45 p.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

a. Leamon Scott v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 406 340

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Community and Senior Services was subjected to employment discrimination.

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$300,000.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- b. Tremayne Cole, Sr., and Shemeshia Page v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. VC 052 024

This medical negligence/wrongful death lawsuit arises from treatment received by a patient at LAC+USC Medical Center, after being transferred from Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.
(Continued from the meeting of May 17, 2010.)

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$400,000.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

- c. James Flores v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 398 286

This medical negligence lawsuit arises from treatment received by a patient while hospitalized at LAC+USC Medical Center.

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,999,000 plus assumption of the Medi-Cal lien in the amount of \$747,204.

The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members being present.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

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