STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

HELD IN PERSON AND ONLINE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025, 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 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)).

a. Parks and Recreation's Castaic Lake facilities Cal/OSHA Inspection Citation No. 1383344

This citation issued by Cal/OSHA against the Department of Parks and Recreation concerns allegations of several violations at Castaic Lake.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(a) in the amount of $24,940.

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

See Supporting Document

b. Stephen Hernandez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV18272

This dangerous condition of public property lawsuit alleges that County property caused the bicycle accident that led to Decedent's death.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(b) in the amount of $1,250,000.

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

See Supporting Documents

c. **Josue Ruiz Rodriguez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23AVCV00444

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(c) in the amount of $80,000.

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

See Supporting Document

d. **WenHui Chen, et al. v. Lane C. St. John, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV25304

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained by Plaintiffs in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board *did not* recommend to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(d) in the amount of $950,000.

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

See Supporting Documents

e. **Adrian Romero v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-cv-02025

This federal civil rights lawsuit alleges that Plaintiff was shot by Sheriff's Department's deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(e) in the amount of $450,000.

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

See Supporting Documents

f. **LL John Doe MB v. Defendant Doe School District, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV39133

This lawsuit alleges that Plaintiff was sexually assaulted by a former deputy probation officer assigned to a high school operated by LAUSD.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(f) in the amount of $350,000.

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

See Supporting Documents

g. **Romelia Valenzuela v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV13994

This lawsuit alleges that an employee with the Department of Health Services was subjected to discrimination and retaliation based on disability and age.

Action Taken:

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

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

h. **Edward Kyle v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV30322

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office was subjected to retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(h) in the amount of $50,000.

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

i. **Sandra Lainez v. Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV36024

This lawsuit alleges that an employee from the Department of Public Social Services was subjected to disability discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(i) in the amount of $75,000.

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

j. **Anderson Mackey v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV04175

This lawsuit alleges that an employee from the Fire Department was subjected to discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on race and disability.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(j) in the amount of $579,000.

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2025, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the April 21, 2025, meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers
Abstention: 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		Parks and Recreation's Castaic Lake facilities Cal/OSHA Inspection. Citation No. 1383344
CASE NUMBER		N/A
COURT		N/A
DATE FILED		February 1, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Department of Parks and Recreation
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	24,940
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		State Board Office of Enforcement
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		Heidi Liu
NATURE OF CASE		This is a settlement of a citation for several violations at Castaic Lake.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	13,520.07
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	-0-

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Stephen Hernandez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV18272
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 13, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	Departments of Parks and Recreation, and Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$ 1,250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Mark S. Algorri, Esq. DeWitt Algorri & Algorri
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On April 27, 2019, Don Hernandez (the "Decedent") was bicycling with friends northbound on the San Gabriel River Bike Path in the City of Irwindale. After Decedent rode into the Santa Fe Dam Nature Center parking lot, just before he should have turned left to the connector trail leading to the northern section of the San Gabriel River Bike Path, for some inexplicable reason, he continued straight, then veered right into a tire stop, and flipped over it. Decedent was transported from the incident scene to the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center. He never regained consciousness and passed away five days later. Plaintiffs are Decedent's two adult children, Stephen Hernandez and Kristen Hernandez, who claim their father died because of a dangerous condition of public property and seek wrongful death damages for his loss. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$ 92,068
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$ 14,684

Case Name: Hernandez, Stephen vs. County of Los Angeles

Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	April 27, 2019
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Plaintiffs filed a lawsuit alleging that a dangerous condition existed at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area at the Nature Center parking lot (wheel stop) that Decedent (male, age 58) struck as he was riding his bicycle on or near the San Gabriel River Bike Path causing his death. On the morning of April 27, 2019, Decendent was cycling with his bike club through Santa Fe Dam while heading to Duarte from the Rose Bowl when he suddenly veered to the right of the bicycle path near the Nature Center and hit a parking curb. He reportedly flew off his bike and landed on his head and face. Park staff were contacted and found Decendent non-responsive. Paramedics arrived and transported Decendent to LAC+USC where he later died.

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

1) The parking wheel stop near the bike path was painted a standard grey and was not contrasting enough to be clearly visible to cyclists riding at high speeds.

2) The design of the bike path through the subject parking lot created a dangerous condition.

3) The Department could not find records to support they had DPW's approval on the designs of the parking lot from 2011.

4) A non-departmental root cause is the decedent operating his bicycle at an unsafe speed and veering off the bikeway into a parking area where he collided with a parking lot wheel stop.

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

1) The parking lot wheel stops were painted white to create more visibility for cyclists riding at high speeds.

2) The Department will be installing a Mobility Hub within the areas of the parking lot to provide opportunities for patrons to rent e-bikes to increase usage of bike routes and alternate modes of transportation. The parking lot will be reconstructed to add additional parking spaces, signage and planters; thereby increasing the visibility of the parking lot (in general) to motorists and cyclists visting the area.

3) DPR installed new signage along the subject bike route.

4) DPR submitted a request to DPW to update the County's Master Bike Plan.

5) DPR established new procedures to obtain and maintain design records.

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) Vicky Santana	
Signature: Vicky Santana	Date: 4/1/2025

Name: (Department Head or designee) ALINA BOKDE	
Signature: Alina Bokde	Date: 4/8/2025

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) Betty Karmirlian, Acting Risk Management Inspector General	
Signature: Betty Karmirlian	Date: 4/11/25

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Date of incident/event:	April 27, 2019
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On April 27, 2019, decedent was traveling on his bicycle through the Nature Center area in the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, when he veered to the right of the bikeway and hit a parking concrete wheel-stop block and went over his handlebars landing on his face/head resulting in his death.

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

The bikeway through the Nature Center area is along an access road that passes through area in which concrete wheel-stop blocks were installed, and the wheel-stops may not have been visible to the decedent, who was riding his bicycle on this route.

The bikeway was incorrectly classified as a "bike path."

The collision occured due to decedent operating his bicylce at an unsafe speed, not exercising due care and being distracted while riding on the bikeway, where he veered off the bikeway into a parking area where he collided with a parking lot wheel stop.

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

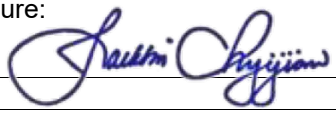
Proposed realignment of the bikeway in the Bicycle Master Plan Update.

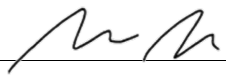
Reclassified the "bike path" as a "bike route."

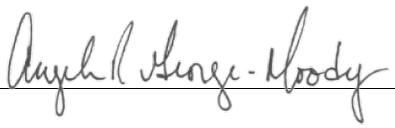
3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

☒ Yes - The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.

☐ No - The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Manager) Jacklin E. Injijian	
Signature: 	Date: March 11, 2025

Name: (Deputy Director) Steve Burger	
Signature: 	Date: April 7, 2025

Name: (Department Head) Mark Pestrella Angela George-Moody for	
Signature: 	Date: April 11, 2025

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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) Betty Karmirlian, Acting Risk Management Inspector General	
Signature: 	Date: 4/14/2025

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Josue Ruiz Rodriguez vs County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		23AVCV00444
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		04/24/2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	80,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		Analicia Avila, Esq. Dominguez Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		Michael J. Gordon Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		On September 29, 2022, a vehicle driven by a Deputy Sheriff collided with Plaintiff's vehicle on Southbound State Route 14 in Acton. Plaintiff alleges the collision caused injuries for which he seeks compensation. Given the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of $80,000 is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	4,143
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	10

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		WenHui Chen, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		22STCV25304
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		August 5, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	950,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		ROBERT S. GLASSMAN, ESQ. Panish Shea Boyle Ravipudi LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		Michael J. Gordon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		On February 14, 2022, a Deputy Sheriff was on-duty in the City of Burbank and driving a Sheriff's Department Chevrolet patrol car in the number one southbound lane of Interstate 5 behind WenHui Chen and Bin Hu's ("Plaintiffs'") Honda minivan. Plaintiff Chen was driving, and Plaintiff Hu was seated in the rear-passenger seat with their minor child. When traffic slowed and stopped in front of them, the deputy was unable to stop and collided into the rear of Plaintiffs' minivan. Plaintiffs claim 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	$	56,577
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	67,454

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

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Date of incident/event:	February 14, 2022
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Plaintiffs claim they suffered multiple injuries and property damage after being rear ended by a Deputy Sheriff on Interstate 5 in the City of Burbank. On February 14, 2022, a Deputy Sheriff was driving an unmarked Sheriff's Department vehicle on Interstate 5 in the City of Burbank. The Deputy Sheriff was operating the vehicle at approximately 60 miles per hour. Traffic in front of the Deputy Sheriff came to an abrupt stop. The Deputy Sheriff applied their brakes but was unable to stop before hitting Plaintiffs' vehicle. The estimated speed at the time of the collision was 15-20 miles per hour. Both vehicles sustained property damage. Plaintiffs alleged various injuries. The Deputy Sheriff was uninjured. California Highway Patrol (CHP) investigated the accident and determined the Deputy Sheriff was at fault.

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

A Departmental root cause in this incident was the involved Deputy Sheriff travelling in a Department vehicle at a speed that was unsafe for the prevailing traffic conditions.

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

- Traffic Collision Investigation – The incident was thoroughly investigated by CHP. CHP concluded that the involved Deputy Sheriff was at fault for the accident.
- Supervisor's Report of Incident or Damage to County Vehicle – A thorough administrative investigation was conducted of the incident. Appropriate administrative action was taken.
- Employee Risk Assessment – A comprehensive review of the involved deputy sheriff's work history was conducted after this incident. This review included uses of force, civil claims, and complaints, as well as traffic collisions.

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) Commander Christine M. Coles	
Signature: CColes	Date: 3-5-25

Name: (Department Head) Commander Geradette E. Montoya	
Signature:	Date: 3/4/25

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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) Betty Karmirlian, Acting Risk Management Inspector General	
Signature: Betty Karmirlian	Date: 3/11/2025

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Adrian Romero v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		2:23-cv-02025
COURT		United States District Court
DATE FILED		March 20, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	450,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		Dale K. Galipo, Esq. Law Offices of Dale K. Galipo
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		This is a recommendation to settle for $450,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Adrian Romero after he was shot by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputies.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	$75,974
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	10,232

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

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Date of incident/event:	February 23, 2022, approximately 2:37 p.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2024-166 **Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident.** Multiple investigative reports indicate on February 23, 2022, Norwalk Station Special Assignment Officers (SAO), consisting of Deputies One, Two, Three, Four, and Sergeant One were attempting to apprehend the subject of a Ramey Warrant (Plaintiff's Passenger One) believed to be at 14565 Chere Drive, Whittier, CA, 90604. The location of the incident was widely known amongst Norwalk Station personnel as a "South Side Whittier" criminal street gang "hangout." Several calls for service regarding disturbances in the area were associated with this address, as well as prior search warrants and an on-going surveillance operation. A few weeks prior to the incident, Deputy Two was involved in a vehicle pursuit of Plaintiff's Passenger One (Plaintiff's brother), who ultimately evaded the deputies during that encounter. Sergeant One monitored live surveillance from an offsite location and positively identified Plaintiff's Passenger One as he entered a blue sedan parked in the driveway of the location. The Plaintiff was seated in the driver's seat of the blue sedan. Sergeant One relayed the information to Deputies One, Two, Three, and Four, who immediately responded to the location. Sergeant One took a position at the rear of the location to enclose the containment. Deputies One, Two, Three and Four drove their marked black and white patrol vehicles to the location to detain Plaintiff's Passenger One. Deputy One (driver) and Deputy Two (passenger) arrived in the first patrol vehicle, followed closely by Deputy Three (passenger) and Deputy Four (driver) in the second patrol vehicle. The patrol vehicles parked on the street facing north, at the mouth of the driveway, behind the blue sedan in a configuration to prevent the vehicle from exiting the driveway.

	As the first patrol vehicle approached the location, the blue sedan drove in reverse down the driveway. As the first patrol vehicle arrived at the bottom of the driveway, the blue sedan then began to drive forward, up the driveway. Deputies One and Two exited the patrol vehicle. Deputy One approached the blue sedan on the driver's side and Deputy Two approached on the passenger side as the second patrol vehicle parked at the base of the driveway. At this time, Deputies Three and Four parked and exited their patrol vehicle. While Deputies One and Two approached on foot, the blue sedan revved the engine loudly and again drove in reverse. Commands were made to the driver (Plaintiff) to "Stop!" but he refused. Deputy One saw what he believed to be Deputy Two caught in the car door jam and dragged by the passenger door. The Plaintiff continued to drive in reverse at a high rate of speed out of the driveway, rammed through the front of the first patrol vehicle, ripping off the reinforced bumper and pushed it into the middle of the street. The sedan nearly struck Deputy Three as he attempted to run for cover, away from the path of the blue sedan. Deputy One believed Deputy Three was going to be trapped between the patrol vehicle and the reversing sedan. A Deputy Involved Shooting (D.I.S.) occurred as the vehicle reversed at a high rate of speed down the driveway, towards Deputy Three. A female passenger (Plaintiff's Passenger Two) exited the blue sedan just prior to it driving away from the location. As the blue sedan backed out of the driveway, striking the patrol vehicle after nearly striking Deputy Three, it began to drive west from the location. Deputy One fired two rounds at the vehicle believing it was, "going to come straight for us." Deputies One, Two and Three initiated a brief foot pursuit of the vehicle when they heard it crash shortly after it drove away. Deputy Four broadcast emergency traffic advising personnel a D.I.S. occurred, remained near the patrol vehicles, and monitored the residence for any possible occupants that may attempt to leave. The Plaintiff's vehicle stopped on Armsdale Avenue, north of Chere Drive, where Plaintiff's Passenger One exited and fled on foot into the residential neighborhood. The Plaintiff then drove north on Armsdale Avenue and abandoned the vehicle south of Telegraph Road. The Plaintiff fled into a nearby apartment complex where he was detained without incident by assisting deputy sheriff personnel.

	Sergeant One, who was positioned at the rear of the location, did not witness the D.I.S. The Plaintiff was transported to UCI Medical Center Hospital in the city of Orange for treatment of non-life-threatening gunshot wounds he sustained during the incident.

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

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the Deputy Sheriffs' use of force against the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the Deputy Sheriffs' failure to follow high-risk traffic stop procedures.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff's assault upon a peace officer with his vehicle.

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

The Department's Homicide Bureau Detectives investigated the shooting and gathered facts and evidence to determine if the Deputy Sheriffs potentially engaged in criminal misconduct. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Justice System Integrity Division, reviewed the circumstances involved in the shooting. On July 15, 2024, the District Attorney's Office concluded the shooting was legally justified, as the Deputy Sheriff's acted in self-defense.

This incident is currently being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Bureau. Upon completion of this investigation, the findings and recommendations will be forwarded to the CEO's office.

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

<u>Department-wide Briefing</u>
In an effort to mitigate future incidents, policies regarding tactical incidents and the use of firearms against vehicles and/or occupants were re-briefed Department-wide.

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 Valdes, A/Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature:	Date: 02/12/2025

Name: (Department Head) Myron Johnson, Assistant Sheriff Patrol Operations	
Signature:	Date: 2/26/25

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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: Betty Karmirlian (Acting Risk Management Inspector General)	
Signature: Betty Karmirlian	Date: 2/27/2025

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Doe MB, LL John v. Defendant Doe School District, et al.
CASE NUMBER		22STCV39133
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		December 16, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Probation Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	350,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		Jenn Liakos, Esq. Jenn Liakos Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		Jonathan McCaverty Assistant County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		This is a recommendation to settle for $350,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a lawsuit filed by Plaintiff LL John Doe MB against the County of Los Angeles, the County Probation Department and Los Angeles Unified School District ("LAUSD") alleging he was sexually assaulted over the course of a few years by a probation officer who was assigned to a high school operated by LAUSD in the 1990s. Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs; therefore, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	36,986
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	2,832

Case Name: LL John Doe MB v. LAUSD and COLA et al.

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Date of incident/event:	1994-1996
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Plaintiff alleges he was sexually assaulted by a former Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) assigned to a Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Fremont High School in the 1990s. Plaintiff alleges that after building trust, the DPO engaged in sexual misconduct with Plaintiff multiple times over several years beginning in or around 1994. Plaintiff alleges incidents occurred in the DPO's office and once at his home when they stopped by on their way to an outing off school grounds. The Department did not have knowledge of these allegations until Plaintiff served his Complaint in May 2023.

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

A. Lack of school supervision program specific policies and training, including but not limited to professional boundaries, guidelines for transporting or contact with non-probation and probation youth when assigned to a school setting or conducting field activities.

B. Inadequate supervision and monitoring of DPO's assigned to the School Supervision Program (SSP) or conducting field activities.

C. Inadequate transportation reporting protocol and dispatch system.

D. Employee misconduct in violation of law and Department/County policies.

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

A.1 Develop policies for school supervision program to include, professional boundaries training, guidelines for contacts/transportation of probation and non-probation youth for approved school and field work activities. Develop and implement training specific to officers assigned to school supervision program.

B.1 Revise and reissue policies for mandatory Supervising Deputy Probation Officer contacts with Deputy Probation Officers assigned to off-site locations, school site administrators, review and revise supporting policies and processes to improve accountability, communications, and monitoring.

Develop an orientation and/or training for school site administrators to clearly define the purpose and role of the Deputy Probation Officers assigned to their campus, including notification protocols to report concerns or issues. Also, establish and maintain a quarterly administrative meeting to discuss program progress, employee performance, program needs, quality of services, concerns, etc.

Develop and issue an annual notification of Authorized and Unauthorized School Deputy Probation Officer Activities to school districts with assigned Deputy Probation Officers.

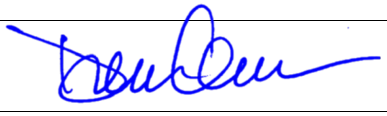
C.1 Assess lack of field dispatch system for Probation to determine how to properly receive, monitor, and archive information regarding youth transports between locations. Develop and implement an appropriate and useful Probation Dispatch system, policies, training guidelines, etc. to properly monitor transports and field activities of Deputy Probation Officers.

D.1 The employee retired from County service in 2013. The Department was not able to investigate the allegations made by the Plaintiff because the Department was not aware of the allegations until it received the Plaintiff's complaint in May 2023.

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

X☐ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.

☐ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Crystal Hurtado by Deanna Carlisle	
Signature: 	Date: 04/18/25

Name: (Department Head) Guillermo Viera Rosa, by:	
Signature: Robert Smythe	Date: 04/18/2025

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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) Betty Karmirlian	
Signature: Betty Karmirlian	Date: 4/18/2025

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 21, 2025

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:35 a.m. The meeting was held virtually with 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. Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro was absent.

All other participants at the Claims Board meeting appeared virtually: Joseph A. Langton, Patrice Salseda, Jonathan McCaverty, Angela Park, Katherine Bowser, and Diana Cheng appeared for the Office of the County Counsel. Commander Justin R. Diez, Lieutenant Dustin A. Carr, Sergeant Shanese Winfrey, Deputy Nancy Madarasz, and Lieutenant Julia M. Valdes appeared for the Sheriff's Department. Sumit Sharma appeared for the Internal Services Department. Deanna Carlisle appeared for the Probation Department. Christina Lee appeared for the Department of Children and Family Services. Deputy Fire Chief Brian Martin and Julia Kim appeared for the Fire Department. Robert Dugdale appeared for Kendall Brill & Kelly LLP. Andrew Baum appeared for Glaser Weil Fink Howard Jordan & Shapiro LLP. Avi Burkwitz appeared for Peterson, Bradford, Burkwitz, Gregorio, Burkwitz & Su, LLP. Geoffrey S. Sheldon appeared for Liebert Cassidy & Whitmore.

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 9:39 a.m., Claims Board Member Adrienne M. Byers, convened the meeting in closed session to discuss the items listed below as 4(a) through 4(e).

4. Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session.

No member of the public appeared in person or on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board.

At 11:39 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session to report the actions taken in closed session as follows:

a. <u>Non-Litigated Claim of City of Malibu</u>

This claim seeks compensation for property damage sustained in a traffic collision involving a participant in the Sheriff's Department's Volunteers on Patrol program.

<u>Action Taken</u>:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(a) in the amount of $34,431.61.

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

b. **Susan Koenig, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCP00432

This petition for writ of mandate and complaint seeks compensation for alleged mishandling of Petitioners' sensitive confidential information.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(b) in the amount of $82,038.23.

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

c. **Non-Litigated Claim of Jose Rivas Barillas**
Claim No. 24-1657

This claim against the Probation Department alleges a minor was physically assaulted by juvenile detainees at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4(c) in the amount of $2,670,000.

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

d. **Rachel Scanlon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:18-cv-07759

This lawsuit arises from the alleged wrongful detention of minor Plaintiffs by the Department of Children and Family Services.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4(d) in the amount of $850,000.

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

e. **Anderson Mackey v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV04175

This lawsuit alleges that an employee from the Fire Department was subjected to discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on race and disability.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued Item 4(e) to a future meeting.

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

5. Approval of the Minutes of the April 7, 2025, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the April 7, 2025, meeting.

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

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By Laura Salazar
Laura Z. Salazar
Claims Board Secretary