

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD**  
**HELD IN ROOM 651 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,**  
**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

**ON**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008, AT 8:00 AM**

Present: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield 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. Claim of GeoCon Engineering, Inc.

This claim for additional compensation arises from the construction of the Belvedere Park Skatepark.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$126,401 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Parks and Recreation's budget.**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

**[See Supporting Documents](#)**

- b. Rapp v. City National Bank, N.A., et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SC 087 535

This lawsuit concerns landslide damage to three residential properties in the unincorporated Topanga area of the County.

**Action Taken:**

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$425,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

**[See Supporting Documents](#)**

- c. Claim of Debbie Gibbs/Salon VIP

This claim seeks compensation for property damage and loss of business caused by a sewer back-up.

**Action Taken:**

**This Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$75,883.08.**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

**[See Supporting Documents](#)**

- d. Sara Abeshyan v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 374 935

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of Acclimation Insurance Management was subjected to sexual assault, battery, and harassment by an employee of the Chief Executive Office.

**Action Taken:**

**This Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- e. Michael Webb v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 36 363 229

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Probation Department was subjected to racial discrimination and retaliation.

**Action Taken:**

**This Claims Board continued this item.**

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

- f. Iyob Tessema v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 356 755

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office was subjected to racial and national origin discrimination and retaliation.

**Action Taken:**

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

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

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 for the August 4, 2008, meeting of the Claims Board and the August 12, 2008, Special meeting of the Claims Board.

**Action Taken:**

**The Minutes for the August 4, 2008, meeting of the Claims Board and the August 12, 2008, 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	Claim of GeoCon Engineering, Inc.
CASE NUMBER	Not Applicable
COURT	Not Applicable
DATE FILED	Claim Presented 9/24/07
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Parks and Recreation
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$126,401
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	None
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Talin Halabi Deputy County Counsel 213-974-8948
NATURE OF CASE	This is a claim brought by GeoCon Engineering, Inc., for extra work and delay costs in connection with unforeseen site conditions which were encountered during the construction of Belvedere Park Skatepark Project. Specifically, during grading operations, a natural gas main line was discovered in a location which differed from the information provided by the Southern California Gas Company to the County's design consultant. The County suspended the Project for 86 working days while the configuration of

the Project was substantially re-designed and re-located so as not to come in conflict with the natural gas line. GeoCon is seeking to recover the costs associated with this delay.

The office of the County Counsel, in conjunction with the Department of Parks and Recreation, is recommending a settlement in the amount of \$126,401 in exchange for a full and complete release of all claims by GeoCon relating to the Project.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$10,170.96
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$0

## Summary Corrective Action Plan



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Date of incident/event:	March 31, 2006
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>On February 7, 2006, Sunrise Construction (dba GeoCon Engineering, Inc.) was awarded the contract to construct the Belvedere Skatepark project.</p> <p>During grading operations, a natural-gas main line was discovered at the project site, in a location which differed from the mapping information provided by the Southern California Gas Company, to the design consultant Lawrence Moss &amp; Associates. Work was immediately suspended and the Contractor was directed to demobilize while the configurations of skatepark elements were re-designed by the design consultant. The County authorized the Contractor to resume work on August 1, 2006, and the work was completed in September 2007.</p> <p>Subsequent to construction, GeoCon Engineering, Inc. submitted a claim of \$152,959 for alleged delay costs resulting from postponement of the work, and for miscellaneous work associated with the acceleration of work schedule. GeoCon Engineering, Inc. has agreed to the County's proposed settlement amount of \$126,401.</p>

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

The design consultant designed the skatepark while referencing underground utility mapping information provided by the Southern California Gas Company.

Subsequently, the Southern California Gas Company reviewed and approved the final construction documents for design requirement and utility easement compliance.

Due to the discovery of the natural gas mainline 18' east of the location indicated on the Southern California Gas Company mapping plans, work was postponed by the County for a total of eighty-six (86) working days. This time period was required to re-design the facility while incorporating the actual location of the natural gas main line into the project.



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

1. On November 2, 2007, the design consultant provided the Department with record "as-built" drawings which identify the actual location of the natural gas main line and a minimal construction easement requested by the Southern California Gas Company. These documents will be used for reference in the event of future capital improvement projects at Belvedere Park.
2. The Department has updated its construction plans to indicate actual field locations for the potable water mainline, sub-surface storm drain lines, and electrical underground utilities within the Belvedere Park Skatepark.
3. On future capital improvement projects, during the preliminary design phase, the Department will request the design consultant to provide or obtain services for project site surveys of existing utilities including electricity, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and water. The identification of these utilities will assist the design consultant in verifying if the planned improvements can be accommodated in their proposed locations.

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: 7/29/08
Signature: (Department Head) 	Date: 7/24/07



**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

**CLAIM OF:** GeoCon Engineering, Inc.

**INCIDENT DATE:** September 24, 2007

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Belvedere Park Skatepark,  
4914 Cesar Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles,  
California 90022

**Description of Incident/Event:**

On February 7, 2006, Sunrise Construction (dba GeoCon Engineering, Inc.) was awarded the contract to construct the Belvedere Skatepark project.

During grading operations, a natural-gas main line was discovered at the project site, in a location which differed from the mapping information provided by the Southern California Gas Company, to the design consultant Lawrence Moss & Associates. Work was immediately suspended and the Contractor was directed to demobilize while the configurations of skatepark elements were re-designed by the design consultant. The County authorized the Contractor to resume work on August 1, 2006, and the work was completed in September 2007.

Subsequent to construction, the Contractor submitted a claim for alleged delay costs resulting from postponement of the work, and for miscellaneous work associated with the acceleration of work schedule.

**Basis of Claim:**

The design consultant designed the skatepark elements including the deep skatepark bowls, while referencing underground utility mapping information provided by the Southern California Gas Company.

Subsequent to the preparation of construction documents, the Southern California Gas Company reviewed and approved the final documents for design requirement and utility easement compliance.

Due to the discovery of the natural gas mainline 18' east of the location indicated on the Southern California Gas Company mapping plans, work was postponed by the County for a total of eighty-six (86) working days. This time period was required to re-design the facility while incorporating the actual location of the natural gas main line into the project.

**Corrective Actions:**

1. On November 2, 2007, the design consultant provided the Department with record "as-built" drawings which identify the actual location of the natural gas main line and a minimal construction easement requested by the Southern California Gas Company. These documents will be used for reference in the event of future capital improvement projects at Belvedere Park.
2. The Department has updated its construction plans to indicate actual field locations for the potable water mainline, sub-surface storm drain lines, and electrical underground utilities within the Belvedere Park Skatepark.
3. On future capital improvement projects, during the preliminary design phase, the Department will request the design consultant to provide or obtain services for project site surveys of existing utilities including electricity, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and water. The identification of these utilities will assist the design consultant in verifying if the planned improvements can be accommodated in their proposed locations.


Reviewed & Recommended



7/30/08

Anush Gambaryan      Date  
Risk Management Coordinator

Approved



7/30/08

Russ Guiney      Date  
Director

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	<u>Rapp v. City National Bank, N.A., et al</u>
CASE NUMBER	SC 087535
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court, Malibu Courthouse
DATE FILED	November 7, 2005
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$425,000.00
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Damon Guizot, Esq. Marlena Mouser, Esq. Guizot & Mouser 714-748-0065
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Warren R. Wellen Principal Deputy County Counsel 213-974-9668  Talin Halabi Deputy County Counsel 213-974-8948
NATURE OF CASE	Paulette Rapp, City National Bank, and Jay and Virginia Siegel have filed lawsuits against the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("District") arising from a landslide in January 2005 that

caused damage to their residential properties located in the unincorporated County in the Topanga area.

The property owners allege that two County drainage facilities diverted water that substantially contributed to the landslide.

The District does not own, maintain or operate any improvements in the area.

Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, the office of the County Counsel, with the concurrence of the Department of Public Works, recommends that the County contribute \$425,000 to a global settlement that totals \$1,850,000. In addition to the County's contribution, Rapp, City National Bank and the Siegels, in their capacity as cross-defendants, will each pay \$425,000 towards the settlement. Neighbors John Hyman and Anthea Rice will pay \$150,000.

Of the \$1,850,000 total settlement, \$750,000 will be paid to Rapp, \$300,000 will be paid to the Siegels, and \$250,000 will be paid to City National Bank. The remaining \$550,000 will be allocated for the repair of the landslide.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$359,271 (in-house)
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$192,260



## Summary Corrective Action Plan

### County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works



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Claim: Date of incident/event:	Rapp et. al. January 2005
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>This is a property damage lawsuit by Rapp and two adjoining property owners for damage caused by a January 2005 landslide. The properties are located in the unincorporated Topanga area and surrounded by Encina Road on the west, Entrada Road on the north and Colina Drive on the east.</p> <p>The County owns and maintains a concrete berm directly in front of Rapp's property, on the northerly side of Colina Drive. The County constructed the berm in 1992 in response to complaints by a neighboring property owner that rain storms produced a tremendous amount of water runoff spilling over Colina Drive and cascading down the hillside into his property. The purpose of the berm was to alter the drainage course away from the property of the complaining owner and redirect the flow down Colina Drive. Road Maintenance Division crews designed and built the berm without consulting with an engineer or conducting analysis regarding the possibility that the berm diverted water onto Rapp's property. The County also owns and maintains a subsurface drain on the southerly side of Colina Drive, across from the Rapp property. Road Maintenance Division crews built the subsurface drain with input from an engineer.</p> <p>In January 2005 during the heavy 2004-2005 rainy season, a landslide moved significantly on the Rapp, City National and Siegel properties. The landslide undermined a portion of Rapp's structure and back porch. The landslide damaged portions of Siegel's yard, undermining structures including a sports court. The lower portion of the landslide damaged undeveloped parts of the City National Property and may be undermining parts of the residential structure.</p>

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

Causes of the landslide alleged by plaintiff:

- 1) A berm constructed by the County on Colina Drive that diverted water from the roadway and down Rapp's driveway and onto Rapp and the others property, which contributed to the landslide.
- 2) A French Drain the County failed to repair and maintain on Colina Drive which altered the subsurface flow redirecting water onto the properties and contributing to the landslide.

The County disputes these theories and investigation by our experts concluded that there was no evidence that the County improvements contributed to the landslide and there were no defects in the French Drain.


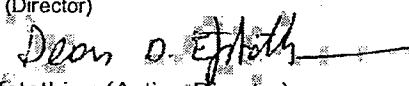
At the time of the berms construction in 1992, Superintendents and other Road Maintenance Division staff would meet with property owners experiencing drainage issues. Following the meeting Road Maintenance Division would plan and construct berms for water control if deemed appropriate.

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

All berms for water control constructed by Road Maintenance Division shall be engineered. By December 31, 2008, Road Maintenance Division will provide guidelines to the Districts for the engineering of berms for water control.

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.
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Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator)  Pat Proano	Date: 7/23/08
Signature: (Director)  Dean D. Efsthion (Acting Director)	Date: 7/24/08

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

**LAWSUIT OF:** Rapp et. al.

**INCIDENT DATE:** January 2005

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 21125 Colina Drive, Topanga  
Unincorporated County

**RISK ISSUE:**

Property owners have filed an action against the County alleging causes of action for inverse condemnation and nuisance arising from landslide damage to their residential properties allegedly caused by the County's unreasonable construction and maintenance of a berm and subsurface drain on Colina Dr. and the County's unreasonable failure to properly direct surface flow from Colina Drive. The County may be liable in inverse condemnation when the County's public drainage improvements unreasonably divert, concentrate, or add water to a drainage course, and the water causes damage to downstream properties.

**INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW:**

The Rapp, City National and Siegel properties are located in the unincorporated Topanga area and surrounded by Encina Road on the west, Entrada Road on the north and Colina Drive on the east.

The County owns and maintains a concrete berm directly in front of Rapp's property, on the northerly side of Colina Drive. The County constructed the berm in 1992 in response to complaints by a neighboring property owner that rain storms produced a tremendous amount of water runoff spilling over Colina Drive and cascading down the hillside into his property. The purpose of the berm was to alter the drainage course away from the property of the complaining owner and redirect the flow down Colina Drive. Road Maintenance Division crews designed and built the berm without consulting with an engineer or conducting analysis regarding the possibility that the berm diverted water onto Rapp's property. The County also owns and maintains a subsurface drain on the southerly side of Colina Drive, across from the Rapp property. Road Maintenance Division crews built the subsurface drain with input from an engineer.

In January 2005 during the heavy 2004-2005 rainy season, a landslide moved significantly on the Rapp, City National and Siegel properties. The landslide undermined a portion of Rapp's structure and back porch. The landslide damaged portions of Siegel's yard, undermining structures including a sports court. The lower portion of the landslide damaged undeveloped parts of the City National Property and may be undermining parts of the residential structure.

The property owners contend that the County's berm redirected the flow of surface water from Colina Drive to Rapp's steep driveway, significantly increased the amount of

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Water entering the Rapp, Siegel and City National properties during rain events, and substantially contributed to the landslide. The property owners further allege that the County failed to maintain and repair cracks in the subsurface drain on Colina Drive. As a result, the County allegedly altered the subsurface flow, redirected more water onto the Rapp, Siegel and City National properties, and caused landslide movement.

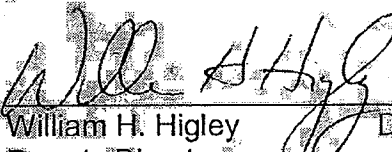
### POLICY ISSUES:

At the time of the berm's construction in 1992, Superintendents and other Road Maintenance Division staff would meet with property owners experiencing drainage issues. Following the meeting, Road Maintenance Division would plan and construct berms for water control if deemed appropriate.

### CORRECTIVE ACTION:


All berms for water control constructed by Road Maintenance Division shall be engineered. By December 31, 2008, Road Maintenance Division will provide guidelines to the Districts for the engineering of berms for water control.

Reviewed & Recommended

  
William H. Higley  
Deputy Director

Date

Approved

  
Patrick V. DeChellis  
Deputy Director

Date



## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	<u>Claim of Debbie Gibbs/Salon VIP</u>
CASE NUMBER	Not Applicable
COURT	Not Applicable
DATE FILED	Claim Presented 4/1/08
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Works - Branch 5 - Sewer
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$75,883.08
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	None
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Brian T. Chu Principal Deputy County Counsel (213) 974-1956

NATURE OF CASE

This is a claim brought by Debbie Gibbs/Salon VIP seeking compensation for property damage and loss of her business to her salon caused by a sewer back-up. This is a sewage back-up that occurred at a business, Salon VIP. The blockage caused three toilets to overflow and spill sewage inside the building, a 3,200 square foot facility. This continued for several hours flooding the rear of the salon and the adjacent parking lot until County crews arrived and remedied the blockage.

The main sewer line at this location is included in the CSMD, which is maintained by the County. County personnel confirmed that the main line was blocked and required clearing.

The office of the County Counsel, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, is recommending a settlement in the amount of \$75,883.08.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$0
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PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$0
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## Summary Corrective Action Plan

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works



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Claim/Lawsuit:	Debbie Gibbs / Salon VIP
Date of incident/event:	April 1, 2008
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>This is a sewage back-up that occurred at a business, Salon VIP, located at 129 West Bonita Avenue, San Dimas. The claimant stated a clogged County sewer line erupted and caused a sewer back up at this location resulting in property damage and loss of business.</p> <p>Public Works responded and the crew confirmed the existence of a main line blockage created by overgrown tree roots between Manhole Numbers 605 and 607. Remediation under the Rapid Response Program was initiated.</p>

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

Tree root blockage of the main line sewer. Public Works provided semi-annual inspections of the main line. The last inspection was carried out on December 21, 2007.



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

The segment of main line was placed on a 90-day rodding schedule to prevent future blockages and will remain on this schedule until it is no longer necessary as determined by maintenance personnel. It will also continue to be on a semi-annual inspection program.

3. State if the corrective actions are applicable to only your department or other County departments:  
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- ☐ Potentially has County-wide implications.
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Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator)	Date:
Rat Proano 	7/7/08
Signature: (Director)	Date:
Dean D. Efstathiou 	7/22/08
Dean D. Efstathiou (Acting Director)	

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 4, 2008

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:10 a.m. The meeting was held in Conference B, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield and John F. Krattli; Office of the County Counsel: Karen Lichtenberg, Narbeh Bagdasarian, Andrea Ross, and Ralph Rosato; Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department: Rob Taliento; Department of Health Services: Bonnie Bilitch and Cathy Chidester; Department of Public Works: Allan Abramson and Dean Lehman.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:12 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 9:21 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. Laura Delgado v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. LC 078 918

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

**This Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$25,000.**

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

- b. Pierce v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 038 126; and  
Pierce v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. PC 040 902

These lawsuits concern allegations that drainage facilities maintained by the Department of Public Works contributed to flooding which damaged a plant nursery.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$175,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.**

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

- c. Francisco Ijarro aka Francisco Guijarro, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 377 079

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient who was being transferred from LAC+USC Medical Center to White Memorial Medical Center.

**This Claims Board continued this item.**

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

- d. Spencer B. v. William S. Hart Union High School and Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health  
Case No. N2007110747

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

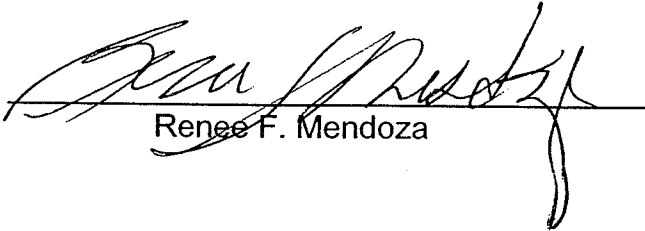
**This Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$23,496.60.**

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

Minutes for the July 21, 2008, meeting of the Claims Board were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By   
Renee F. Mendoza

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

August 12, 2008

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:03 a.m. The meeting was held in Conference B, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield and John F. Krattli; Office of the County Counsel: Narbeh Bagdasarian; Health Services: Cathy Chidester.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:04 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 8:14 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. Francisco Ijarro aka Francisco Guijarro, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 377 079

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient who was being transferred from LAC+USC Medical Center to White Memorial Medical Center.

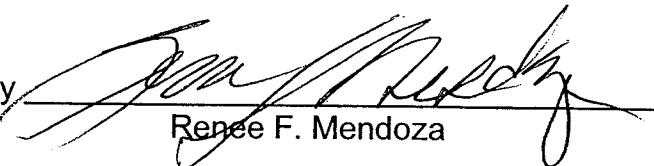
**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$170,000 and that the Auditor-Controller be instructed to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By



Renee F. Mendoza