

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
SPROUL ROOM, 13200 CLARKSDALE AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650
ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present: Chair Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Members Absent: Sam Olivito

Alternates Present: Paul Philips and Paolo Beltran

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund 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. Jevonte Johnson v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-00571

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and assault and battery by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$37,500.

Vote: Ayes: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Sam Olivito

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. David Kuang, et al. v. City of La Canada Flintridge, et al.
(consolidated with Bette Hobbs v City of La Canada Flintridge)
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 514545

This lawsuit concerns allegations of property damage.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$35,000.

Vote: Ayes: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan,
Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark
Waronek

Absent: Sam Olivito

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Raymond Mendez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 516678

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000.

Vote: Ayes: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan,
Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark
Waronek

Absent: Sam Olivito

[See Supporting Document](#)

d. Non-Litigated Claims of Julio and Graciela Murcia
Claim Numbers 13-1110699*002-*003

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident caused by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,500.

Vote: Ayes: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan,
Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark
Waronek

Absent: Sam Olivito

[See Supporting Document](#)

e. Gabriel Sanchez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-06902

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations based on excessive force by a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$95,000.

Vote: Ayes: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan,
Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark
Waronek

Absent: Sam Olivito

[See Supporting Document](#)

4. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

- a. Shalene Anderson v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 521145

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident caused by a Sheriff's Deputy.

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Items No. 3 and No. 4 above.

6. Approval of the minutes of the May 13, 2015, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Sam Olivito

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. 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.

8. Other Business.

None

9. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jevonte Johnson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV14-00571 AB (CWx)
COURT	U.S. District Court
DATE FILED	December 27, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund - Compton
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 37,500
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF	Hagop Kuyumjian Law Offices of Geragos Geragos
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Alexandra Zuiderweg Deputy County Counsel Karen Joynt Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Plaintiff Jevonte Johnson alleges that Deputy John Werner, Deputy Ricardo Eguia, Deputy Clinton Randall, and Deputy Joseph Figueroa battered him on December 29, 2012, without just cause.</p> <p>The County denies the allegations and claims that the Deputies' actions were reasonable under the circumstances. However, due to 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 in the amount of \$37,500 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 90,994
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 17,864

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	David Kuang, et al. v. City of La Canada Flintridge, et al.
	Bette J. Hobbs v. City of La Canada Flintridge, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 514545 (Kuang) BC 527966 (Hobbs)
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 9, 2013 (Kuang) November 18, 2013 (Hobbs)
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 35,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Joyce Mendlin of Rosenberg Mendlin & Rosen LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiffs David Kuang, Sherry Kuang, and Bette Hobbs allege that on October 11, 2012, they sustained damages to their real and personal property when the catch basin on Knight Way in the City of La Canada Flintridge failed to operate properly and caused storm water to backup and flow onto their properties. The Kuangs claim personal injury damages as well. The County disputes liability and the nature and extent of the claimed damages.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 56,435
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,479

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Raymond Mendez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 516678
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 1, 2012
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund - Malibu
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 30,000
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF	Law Offices of Christopher Campbell Law Offices of Jerome P. Burger
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Karen C. Joynt Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiff Raymond Mendez alleges that a Deputy battered him on August 1, 2012, without just cause. The County denies the allegations and claim that the Deputy's actions were reasonable under the circumstances. However, due to 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 in the amount of \$30,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 13,661
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,758

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claims of Julio and Graciela Murcia
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	January 17, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 30,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Melissa Jamero Hirbito, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Lindsay Yoshiyama, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>The claims arise from a August 16, 2013 motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue and Acacia Avenue in the City of Compton when a Sheriff's Deputy collided with Plaintiffs.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of \$14,000 to Julio Murcia and \$16,500 to Graciela Murcia is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Gabriel Sanchez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:14-CV-06902
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	September 4, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 95,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Philip J. Layfield, Esq. LAYFIELD LAW FIRM
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$95,000, the lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Gabriel Sanchez alleging excessive force by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputies.</p> <p>The Deputies contend that the force used was reasonable and in response to Mr. Sanchez' actions.</p> <p>Due to 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 in the amount of \$95,000 is recommended</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 37,010
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,002

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND
CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 13, 2015

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Curtis Morris, at 12:24 p.m. The meeting was held in the Community Center, Sproul Room, 13200 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Present at the meeting were **Claims Board Members:** Curtis Morris, Chair, San Dimas, Region III; Mark Alexander, La Canada Flintridge, Region I; Michael Egan, Norwalk, Region III; Doug Prichard, Rolling Hills Estates, Region II; Mark Waronek, City of Lomita, Region II; *Alternates:* Cheri Kelley, Norwalk, Region III; David Spence, La Canada Flintridge, Region I; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Ruben Baeza, Jr., Assistant County Counsel; Ernie Romo, Risk Management, Chief Executive Office; Steve Robles, Risk Management, County of Los Angeles; Connie Yee, Auditor-Controller, County of Los Angeles; Bill Evans, Auditor-Controller, County of Los Angeles; Stefannie Kodrat, Auditor-Controller, County of Los Angeles; Jim Godsey, Auditor-Controller, County of Los Angeles; Amy Chiang, Auditor-Controller, County of Los Angeles; Scott Johnson, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Deacon, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Greg McKnight, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Angela Kechichian, Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc.; John La Salle, Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance Services; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Stacy Luster, Claims, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Alex Smith, Finance Director; Jennifer Fullerton, Administrative Analyst.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board. No members of the public addressed the Board.

At 12:24 p.m., the Chair adjourned the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board into Closed Session.

3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- a. Elizabeth Adam, et al. v. County of Los Angeles (consolidated with L.H, a minor v. County of Los Angeles)
United States District Court Case No. CV 13-01156

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Vote: Ayes: 5 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Margaret Finlay and Sam Olivito

4. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- a. Brejanea B., a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Compton Superior Court Case No. TC 027341

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Maricela De La Cruz v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 531011

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Benjamin Hernandez v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 13-06654

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 1:04 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

6. Approval of the Minutes for April 8, 2015, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 5 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Margaret Finlay and Sam Olivito

7. Items Not on the Posted Agenda, to be Referred to Staff or Placed on the Agenda for Action at a Further Meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims 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

None

8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD



SANDRA C. RUIZ