



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department:** HUMAN RESOURCES

**File #:** 23-742

Board Meeting Date: 9/12/2023

**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Rocio Kiryczun, Director, Human Resources Department  
Zhanna Abuel, Risk Manager  
**Subject:** Disposition of Claims Filed Against County

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Report recommending the denial of claims (Non-culpable)

**BACKGROUND:**

Under authority of section 2.10.070 of the Ordinance Code, the County Executive has designated the Director to process claims filed against the County. Further investigation may indicate justification for payment by the County. If so, payment will be made under the authority of the Risk Manager or will be brought back to the Board.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Risk Management Division has reviewed these claims and recommends that you take the following action.

<b><u>Claim #</u></b>	<b><u>Claimant</u></b>	<b><u>Incident Date</u></b>	<b><u>Recommended Board Action and Basis</u></b>
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*Claims recommended for denial:*

A23-15180	Mikayla Booker	07/07/2023	Non-culpable Claimant alleges that while she was driving on the Dumbarton bridge a cone flew off the back of a County of San Mateo Public Works truck and struck her vehicle causing damages.
G23-15198	Forest Preston	06/05/2023	Non-culpable Claimant alleges that his personal items taken due to a search warrant were damaged while in custody of the County.
G23-15199	Katherine Cruz Altonaga	02/03/2023	Non-culpable Claimant alleges that the County is responsible for injuries sustained

during a vehicle crash due to dangerous conditions on highway US 101 Southbound in Burlingame.

- G23-15253 Chris Tagunicar 07/06/2023 Non-culpable  
Claimant alleges that he was harassed and discriminated against by the County of San Mateo's third-party administrator, Neil Butterbaugh while he was in his duty performing services for the County.
- G23-15257 Paul and Deborah Hernandez 08/01/2023 Non-culpable  
Claimants allege that County Sheriff's deputies damaged their side gate while pursuing a suspect through their backyard.
- G23-15265 Aref Anwar 12/29/2022 Non-culpable  
Claimant has filed an application for leave to present a late claim due to hospitalization after a vehicle accident on SR 35 south of Page Mill Road.
- G23-15269 Be Sim 07/23/2023 Non-culpable  
Claimant alleges that the County is responsible for injuries sustained when a Cal Water panel on Isabelle Avenue and Portola Drive in San Mateo opened onto her as she ran over it.
- G23-15280 Maria Felix Cardenas Perez 04/11/2023 Non-culpable  
Claimant alleges that the County is responsible for injuries sustained when she tripped and fell over a raised telephone access lid on Beach Road in Burlingame.
- G23-15281 John Harney 03/14/2023 Non-culpable  
Claimant alleges that the County is responsible for water damage that occurred when his street flooded and overflowed into his home.
- G23-15283 David Wozniak 02/19/2023 Non-culpable  
Claimant alleges that he was wrongfully demoted, discriminated against, harassed, and/or retaliated against by the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.