

# ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY AGENDA

Claims Settlement Committee Meeting Thursday, September 26, 2013 5:30 p.m.

Orange County Fire Authority Regional Fire Operations and Training Center Room AE117

1 Fire Authority Road Irvine, California 92602

Steven Weinberg, Board Chair
Al Murray, Board Vice Chair
Elizabeth Swift, Budget and Finance Committee Chair
Keith Richter, Fire Chief
Janet Wells, Interim Human Resources Director

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any member of the public may address the Committee on items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction but which are not listed on this agenda during PUBLIC COMMENTS. However, no action may be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. We request comments made on the agenda be made at the time the item is considered and that comments be limited to three minutes per person. Please address your comments to the Committee as a whole, and do not engage in dialogue with individual Committee Members, Authority staff, or members of the audience.

#### **MINUTES**

1. Minutes for the August 22, 2013, Claims Settlement Committee Meeting Submitted by: Sherry A.F. Wentz, Clerk of the Authority

<u>Recommended Action:</u> Approve as submitted.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

#### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

No items.

#### **REPORTS**

No items.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Claim: Robert Feldtz v. OCFA

Case No. WCAB: ADJ7541347 and ADJ8086865 Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

#### CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Claim: Craig Casey v. OCFA

Case No. WCAB: ADJ1759486; ADJ1357345; ADJ1409452; ADJ729537; ADJ2754664

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

#### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT** – The next regular meeting of the Claims Settlement Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.

#### AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing Agenda was posted in the lobby and front gate public display case of the Orange County Fire Authority, Regional Fire Operations and Training Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA, not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.

Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC Clerk of the Authority

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 12:00 noon

Claims Settlement Committee Meeting Thursday, October 24, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, October 24, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

## MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

## Claims Settlement Committee Meeting Thursday, August 22, 2013 5:30 P.M.

### Regional Fire Operations and Training Center Room AE117

1 Fire Authority Road Irvine, CA 92602

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weinberg called a regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Claims Settlement Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on August 22, 2013.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Weinberg led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Steven Weinberg, Board Chair, Dana Point

Al Murray, Board Vice Chair, Tustin

Elizabeth Swift, Budget and Finance Committee Chair, Buena Park

Keith Richter, Fire Chief Jonathan Wilby, Risk Manager

**Absent:** None

Also present were OCFA General Counsel David Kendig; Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz; and Risk Management Analyst Rhonda Haynes.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (F:12.02C3)

Chair Weinberg opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. Chair Weinberg closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting without any statements from the public.

#### **MINUTES** (F:12.02C2)

#### 1. Minutes for the June 27, 2013, Claims Settlement Committee Meeting

On motion of Vice Chair Murray, and second by Chair Weinberg, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2013, Claims Settlement Committee meeting. Director Swift abstained.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

#### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

No items.

#### **REPORTS**

No items.

#### **CLOSED SESSION** (F:12.02C5)

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Committee would be convening in Closed Session to consider the matters on the Agenda identified as CS1 through CS5, Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigations.

The Claims Settlement Committee convened to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m.

#### CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Claim: Timothy Gogerty v. OCFA

Case No. WCAB: ADJ 7939962

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

#### CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Claim: Roger Pane v. OCFA

Case No. WCAB: ADJ 7481891; ADJ7481895; ADJ 8614699

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

#### CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Claim: Tommy J. Pawloski v. OCFA Case No. WCAB: ADJ 187102; ADJ 115040 Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

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#### CS4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Claim: Thomas Loveless v. OCFA

Case No. WCAB: ADJ 785734

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

#### CS5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Claim: Pete Peters v. OCFA

Case No. WCAB: ADJ 8491770; ADJ8491767 Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

The Claims Settlement Committee reconvened for regular business at 5:50 p.m., with all Members present.

#### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT** (F:12.02C6)

General Counsel David Kendig announced the Claims Settlement Committee considered and unanimously authorized offers of settlement on Worker's Compensation claims CS2, CS3, CS4, and CS5, the substance of which, upon acceptance by the parties will be disclosed after the agreements have been fully executed. He also reported no action was taken on Worker's Compensation claim CS1.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:** (F: (X: 12.02C4)

The Committee members had no comments.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Weinberg adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Claims Settlement Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.

Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC Clerk of the Authority