



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

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AGENDA ITEM #: 12

TYPE: ACTION ITEM

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SUBJECT: **Government Claims Policy**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution 2026-06 adopting the District's Government Claims policy and procedure and making specified claims for monies or damages excepted from claims presentation requirements of the California claims act presentation requirements, subject to the District's claims policy and procedure.

DISCUSSION:

The California Government Claims Act (Act), set out in the California Government Code generally applies to claim against public agencies for money or damages. The Act establishes how and when claims must be presented, sets out timelines for when local agencies must act on the claim, and when a lawsuit must be filed if a claim is denied. However, the Act also enumerates certain types of claims that are excepted from the claim's presentation provision of the Act unless a local public entity, such as the District, adopts procedures consistent with California law.

Further, by adopting the policy and procedures consistent with State law, any claimant for monies or damages is required to submit the District's Claim Form and meet the required timelines for the presentation of such claims/demands.

The adoption of Resolution Number 2026-06 will promote efficiency and consistency in the receipt and handling of claims for monies or damages, and will formally establish the provision of the Act as the District's Government Claims Policy and Procedure, and will make claims for monies or damages otherwise excepted from the claims presentation requirements of the Act, subject to the District's Government Claims Policy and Procedure.