

City of La Quinta

CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE: March 18, 2014

ITEM TITLE: DENIAL OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED

BY: JERRY SMIGURA; DATE OF LOSS - AUGUST

25, 2013

AGENDA CATEGORY:

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 7

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Deny the claim for damages of Jerry Smigura in its entirety.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A claim was filed by Jerry Smigura with a reported date of loss of August 25, 2013. It was forwarded to Carl Warren & Company, the City's claims administrator. Carl Warren reviewed this claim and recommends denial.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The amount of the claim is approximately \$10,600.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The claim is for property damage due to flooding from a summer storm. The claimant states that debris from the new roundabout construction at Eisenhower Drive and Calle Sinaloa caused water backup and flooding. Carl Warren & Company based their denial on the flooding being a result of excess water coming from a 100-year storm, combined with the low grade of the claimant's property to the street. The claimant's property was the only property flooded on the street.

Report prepared by: Terry Deeringer, Human Resources, General Services Manager Report approved for submission by: Frank J. Spevacek, City Manager