



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE: September 16, 2014

AGENDA CATEGORY:

ITEM TITLE: DENIAL OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED
BY: VERIZON; **DATE OF LOSS –** NOVEMBER 12, 2013

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 5

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Deny the claim for damages of Verizon in its entirety.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- A claim was filed by Verizon with a reported date of loss of November 12, 2013, and was forwarded to Carl Warren & Company, the City's claims administrator.
- Carl Warren reviewed the claim and recommends denial.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The claim is for approximately \$2,000.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The claim is for damage to an underground cable that is purported to have been cut during a City street improvement project at Calle Tampico and Desert Club. Carl Warren's investigation revealed the City is not liable, as no street improvements were conducted in the area at that time.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City's claims administrator is relied on to perform an accurate and thorough preliminary assessment of the claim from a liability standpoint and has recommended rejection of this claim. Therefore, staff does not recommend an alternative action.

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Report approved for submission by: Frank J. Spevacek, City Manager

