



# City of La Quinta

**CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE:** November 4, 2014

**ITEM TITLE:** DENIAL OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED BY VERIZON; DATE OF LOSS – APRIL 16, 2014

**AGENDA CATEGORY:**

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** 5

**STUDY SESSION:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Deny the claim for damages filed by Verizon in its entirety.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

- A claim was filed by Verizon with a reported date of loss of April 16, 2014.
- It was forwarded to Carl Warren & Company, the City's claims administrator.
- Carl Warren reviewed the claim and recommends denial.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Stated damages are in excess of \$3,700.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The claimant stated that the City's contractor damaged a subduct during road construction on Fred Waring Drive and Dune Palms Road. Granite Construction was performing work in the area in question, according to the encroachment permit granted to them by the City. Therefore, Carl Warren & Company has tendered the claim to Granite Construction for their review and handling.

## **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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