

City of La Quinta

CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE: December 2, 2014

ITEM TITLE: DENIAL OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED
BY HUONG THI THU DANG; DATE OF LOSS –
AUGUST 24, 2014

AGENDA CATEGORY:

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 4

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Deny the claim for damages of Huong Thi Thu Dang in its entirety.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- A claim was filed by Huong Thi Thu Dang with a reported date of loss of August 24, 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 \$5,700.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The claimant alleges their automobile was damaged by a tree branch in the Lowe's parking lot, located at 78865 Highway 111. As the tree appears to be located on private property, CW recommends denying this claim.

ALTERNATIVES:

CW 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.

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