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CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY OF NAPA

NO

NAPA COUNTY

CLERK OF THE BOARD
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California Government Code Section 910 describes the information which must be contained in a claim against a government entity. Section 911.2 provides that claims arising from a death, or personal injury, or damage to personal property or growing crops must be presented not later than six (6) months after the occurrence on which the claim is based. This form or any other form containing the same information may be used to present such a claim against the County of Napa. The County reserves the right to reject any claim presented to it.

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1. Name and address of Claimant			Telephone Numbers	
First Name	MI	Last Name	Home	
Christian	W	Brix	[REDACTED]	
Street Address			Business	
40 Ridgecrest Drive			[REDACTED]	
City	State	Zip Code	Cellular	
Napa	CA	94558	[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]				
2. Mailing address to which notices from the County are to be directed				
Street Address		State Zip Code		
Christian Brix		40 Ridgecrest Drive		
City		CA 94558		
Napa				
3. Incident Information				
Date of Incident:	Time of Incident:	Location of Incident:		
Feb 4 2025	6pm	Ridgecrest Drive, Napa, CA, 94558		
Please note that space is limited. If additional space is needed, please attach the information on a separate sheet of paper.				
4. Description of incident or accident including your reason for believing the County is liable for your damages				
On the above date, a landslide occurred adjacent to my property located at 40 Ridgecrest Drive, and I was told by public works to evacuate my home.				
This event caused significant damage to the property as outlined below. I believe this damage was				
caused or exacerbated by excessive and unabated water discharge from the Country drainage system onto the				
slope above my house, that subsequently slipped. Consequently, I believe the County of Napa is liable for the below damages				
due to it's failure to properly manage storm surface water runoff.				
Please see attachment to this document				
5. Description of all damages which you believe that you have incurred as a result of the incident				
As a result of the incident, I have or expect to sustain damages including but not limited to:				
Fees - geotech to review retaining wall specs - \$3,500, and legal costs - \$3,000 (incurred to date)				
Materials to protect the slide area from further rain (inc. plastic sheeting, sandbags) - \$400				
Damages from loss of property value - tbc, pending road/hill repair by qualified property accessor				

6. The name or names of any County employees causing damages that you are claiming

Napa County Public Works Department

7. If the amount claimed is \$10,000.00 or less, specify the amount of the claim, including, the estimated amount of any prospective injury, damage or loss insofar as it may be known at this time, together with how it was calculated.

As above

If the amount is for more than \$10,000, will this claim be a "limited civil case?"

☐ yes ☒ no**8. If this claim is for indemnity, on what date were you served with the underlying lawsuit?**

If a lawsuit has already been filed, please enter the date of the judgment against you:

N/A

9. State the names and address of any witnesses to this incident

First Name MI Last Name

See attached

Street Address

City

State Zip Code

10. Law Enforcement Information

Was local law enforcement contacted?

☒ yes ☐ no

If yes, Report # n/A

(Attach copy of report if available)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and, to the best of my knowledge, I have complied with the provisions of the Government Code.

Signature of Claimant (Original Signature Required)

Date Signed

ATTACHMENT TO CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY OF NAPA

ATTACHMENT – SECTION 1 – Claimants

Christian William Brix,
40 Ridgecrest Dr,
Napa, CA 94558

ATTACHMENT - SECTION 3 – Location of Incident

2/4/2025 Evening- major rain event caused a landslide between Ridgecrest Drive and Circle Oaks Drive, North to South, and 40-50 Ridgecrest, East to West, affecting the Homeowners Association's open space and the area behind 307 Circle Oaks.

Pictures of incident:







ATTACHMENT – SECTION 4 – Description of incident or accident including your reason for believing the County is liable for your damages

Continued:

Basis for Liability

Napa County is liable due to illegally draining their storm water onto private property without permission, omissions, and deliberate failure to maintain and reroute stormwater discharge infrastructure.

The County refused to take immediate mitigation efforts, despite multiple urgent warnings, and instead directed County staff to clear the storm drain inlet thereby increasing water discharge while it was raining.

The County further failed to comply with its stormwater management responsibilities, including proper design and maintenance of drainage systems. Napa County is obligated to manage runoff to prevent pollution and flooding under NPDES permit guidelines and failed to do so.

The County's refusal to act violates Government Code §835 (dangerous condition), §815.6 (mandatory duty), and the Clean Water Act. Discovery is ongoing and Claimant reserves the right to supplement this list.

ATTACHMENT – SECTION 9 – Witnesses to the incident

Continued:

Patrick Ryan, Assistant Director
Planning, Building & Environmental Services
1195 Third Street
Napa, CA 94559

- HOA Board Members who observed drainage overflow and site deterioration.
- Pridmore Construction – has bid reroute solution, slide mitigation on our subject property and observed conditions.
- KC Engineering Geologist has also observed the slide and is the original geologist of record so understands the soil profiles and has recommended a repair for slide that is on our property.
- Neighbors at 307 Circle Oaks Dr and 50 Ridgecrest Drive – also affected by water discharge.

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