# **SETTLEMENTS OVER \$50,000 FINALIZED IN MAY 2023**

Case Name	Date Settled	Amount	Description	Notes
STG Unocal Place v. City of Santa Rosa	5/23/2023	\$612,500	Plaintiff alleges property damage	Settlement reached during mediation
and DOES 1 to 10			as a result of flooding caused by	
			the negligence of CSR employees.	

Case Number	Full Case Name	Status	Category	Case Description	Case Notes	Amount Claimed	Dismissed Date	Settled Date	Settlement Amount
CODE ENFORCEM	IENT/RECEIVERSHIP								
SCV-273045	People of the State of California, City of Santa Rosa v. The Testate and Intestate Successors of Norman Hartung, Deceased, and all Persons Claiming by, Through, or Under Such Decedent Any Right, Title, Estate, Lien or Interest in Real Property Known as 642 Benjamins Road, Santa Rosa, and Does 1-10	Active	Code Enforcement/Receivership	Receivership	Complaint filed 3/13/2023; hearing held 5/24/2023; Judge indicated he would sign proposed order appointing receiver; CMC scheduled for 8/22/2023.	According to Proof			
GENERAL LITIGAT	TION								
SCV-265333	Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc., a California corporation v. City of Santa Rosa, a body politic, and Does 1-50		General Litigation – Breach of Contract	Allegation of Breach of Contract arising out of public works construction project	Preliminary discovery underway; first session of mediation completed on 6/5/2023; Trial is scheduled for 3/22/2024.	According to Proof			
3:18-CV-01955-VC	Nicholle Vannucci, Ellen Brown, and Shannon Hall, individuals; and Homeless Action!, an unincorporated association v. County of Sonoma, Sonoma County Community Development Commission, City of Santa Rosa, and Does I to XX	Active - Set for Trial	General Litigation - Constitutional and ADA	Complaint for Declaratory Relief and Injunctive Relief (homeless encampments)	The Court granted leave to the Plaintiffs to file a Second Amended Complaint, expanding the scope of the litigation and the City has filed its Answer; Discovery has commenced and is ongoing; Trial has been continued to 9/9/2024.				
CV 22-4284 SK	Denise McCloud, Brian Bara, Kristopher Anderson Francois, Mercedes Juanita Flores, Tim Rucker, Wilbert Ray Fields, John Clay v. County of Sonoma, County Administrator Sheryl Bratton, Sonoma County Regional Parks, Sonoma County Regional Park Director Bert Whitaker, City of Santa Rosa, City of Santa Rosa Manager Maraskeshia Smith, DOES 1-10		General Litigation - Constitutional and ADA	Complaint pursuant to 42 USC 1983 filed concurrently with emergency application for temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction to prevent encampment closure based upon notice issued by Sonoma County officials	Plaintiffs filed a voluntary dismissal without prejudice with the Court on 6/2/2023.		45079		
SCV-271224	STG Unocal Place v. City of Santa Rosa and DOES 1 to 10	Settled	General Litigation - Property Damage	Plaintiff alleges property damage as a result of flooding caused by the negligence of CSR employees.	Plaintiff's Complaint was served on 08/11/2022, an Answer has been filed and discovery has commenced; plaintiff's motion for leave to file an amended Complaint was granted; The parties successfully mediated the case on 5/1/2023, with proposed settlement subject to Council approval; settlement was approved by Council; Plaintiff has signed a Settlement Agreement and the settlement is being processed.	According to Proof		45069	612500
SCV-272177	Mark Kimmel v. Wyatt Irrigation Co, Phil Wyatt, Rita Wyatt, City of Santa Rosa, DOES 1 to 20	Active - Pleadings	General Litigation - Property Damage	Alleges vehicle damage due to driving into drainage ditch along Yolanda Ave at entrance into Wyatt Irrigation Co.	Plaintiff filed an amended complaint on 2/17/2023; the City has demurred to the amended complaint, hearing on which is set for 7/5/2023; There is an initial Case Management Conference scheduled for 7/27/2023.				
ED CV06-0055-GW	United States, et al., ex rel. John Hendrix v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc., et al.	Stayed	General Litigation – Qui Tam	Federal qui tam action (and stayed state court action) filed against water pipe manufacturer for false claims	The Court denied exemplar plaintiff damages; final judgment expected soon and likely appeal to the Ninth Circuit on multiple issues; City's claims (as non-exemplar plaintiff) are currently stayed.	-			

Case Number SCV-264530	Full Case Name David Pelayo, Roberto Hernandez, Edmond Andre, Bryan Munoz, and Brian Medeiros, each as an individual, and on behalf of the general public for all those similarly situated v Utility Partners of America, LLC, a Delaware corporation; City of Santa Rosa and DOES 1 through 250, inclusive.		Category General Litigation – Wage Claim		Mediation involving all parties was unsuccessful; Court granted UPA's motion for summary judgment on equitable indemnity; Court overruled UPA's demurrer to City's cross-complaint for contractual indemnity, thereby leaving the City's cross-claims for indemnity in place; Discovery is ongoing; Although global mediation has been unsuccessful, City and Plaintiffs have separately reached a tentative settlement, which, if approved by the Court, would resolve the case as to the City. (Litigation would continue between Plaintiffs and UPA alone.) Plaintiffs filed a motion for Court approval of the settlement as a good faith settlement, which UPA opposed; After a full hearing, the Superior Court affirmed the settlement on 4/11/2023; UPA has filed a writ, challenging the Court's ruling. Trial has been continued to 7/28/2023, but will likely be continued again, to allow UPA's writ to be heard by the Court of Appeal	According to Proof	Dismissed Date	Settled Date	Settlement Amount
PERSONAL INJUR	Y								
SCV-269603	Leocha Metellus-McLemore v. City of Santa Rosa, DOES 1 to 25	Active - Pleadings	Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition	arrest.	Initial Case Management Conference set for 7/13/2023.	According to proof			
SCV-269977	Antonia Ibarra v. Charles Robinson; The City of Santa Rosa; and DOES 1-10	Settled	Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition	during collision with City vehicle	City has reached an unconditional settlement with Paintiff for \$13,500 on 2/23/2023; pending finalization of written settlement agreement with dismissal to follow.				
SCV-270785	Constance Brown v. City of Santa Rosa, and DOES 1 to 10, inclusive	Active - Set for Trial	Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition	Claimant alleges they tripped and fell over raised slab while walking on sidewalk	City mediated this case on 4/6/2023; case did not settle; initial written discovery has been completed and Plaintiff's deposition was taken on 2/21/2023; Trial set for 10/6/2023; Further written discovery and depositions are underway.	According to Proof			
SCV-270898	Cindy Gemignani, as conservator of the Estate of Daryl W. Titus v. City of Santa Rosa, Jose Andrade and DOES 1-20 inclusive	Active - Pleadings	Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition	Claimant alleges they suffered injuries when struck by a vehicle when an off duty SRPD officer instructed them to cross street	Complaint has been served and an Answer has been filed on behalf of City of Santa Rosa and the officer; discovery has commenced; The matter has been set for further Case Management Conference on 9/26/2023; Codefendant has failed to file a responsive pleading and is now subject to a default; Plaintiff's attorney has named co-defendant's uncle as a party, and is requesting a Stipulation allowing him to file a First Amended Complaint.	According to Proof			
SCV-271238	Cathleen Cisneros v. City of Santa Rosa, Linda Corwin, and DOES 1 to 10	Active - Set for Trial	Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition	when they hit a low hanging tree branch hanging over sidewalk	City has filed an Answer and a Cross-Complaint against the adjacent property owner; all parties have appeared and discovery has commenced; Trial has been set for 2/23/2024. Plaintiff's Deposition set for 6/14/2023 is being rescheduled.				
SCV-271731	Paula Littleton v. City of Santa Rosa, Hanna Holdings LLC, and Does 1-10	Active - Set for Trial	Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition	over a cut-down street sweeping sign	City has filed an Answer and a cross-complaint against the adjacent property owner; discovery has commenced; a jury trial is set for 08/02/2024.	According to Proof			
SCV-272128	Bruce Baxter v. City of Santa Rosa, Steven R. Savage, and DOES 1 to 100 inclusive	Active - Pleadings	Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition		Answer has been filed and discovery has commenced; Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint naming a new property owner as a second defendant; prior defendant Savage will be dismissed; an Answer to the First Amended Complaint will be filed shortly; Case Management Conference set for 07/06/2023.	According to Proof			

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Case Number	Full Case Name	Status	Category	Case Description	Case Notes	Amount Claimed	Dismissed Date S	ettled Date	Settlement Amount
SCV-272148	Tomas Guerrero v. City of Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa Police Department, Jonathan Morgan, and Does 1- 10	Active - Set for Trial	Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition	Alleges police officer failed to yield right of way and collided with plaintiff's vehicle	City filed its Answer on 2/15/2023; initial written discovery is underway; Trial has been set for 4/19/2024.	According to Proof			
SCV-272343	Kim Taylor v. City of Santa Rosa and Does 1-10	Active - Set for Trial	Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition	Plaintiff alleges they suffered injuries when they tripped and fell due to uneven sidewalk	Complaint served on defendant City of Santa Rosa on 2/8/2023; the City filed its answer and ROE Cross-Complaint on 3/8/2023; initial written discovery is underway; Trial has been set for 5/17/2024.	According to Proof			
SCV-272486	Eveline Jones v. City of Santa Rosa; and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive	Active - Pleadings	Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition	Plaintiff alleges they suffered injuries when they tripped and fell due to uneven sidewalk	Complaint served on defendant City of Santa Rosa on 2/10/2023; The City has met and conferred with Plaintiff in advance of demurrer, and Plaintiff has agreed to file a First Amended Complaint, which has yet to be filed or served on the City; an initial Case Management Conference is scheduled for 6/20/2023.	According to Proof			
SCV-272834	Christopher Boccaleoni v. County of Sonoma, City of Santa Rosa, and Does 1-10		Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition	Claimant alleges injuries due to unsafe conditions relating to metal posts on the Joe Rodota Trail	An Answer was filed by City, as well as a cross- complaint against the County as the owner and manager of the subject property; Plaintiff dismissed his Complaint against City on 5/30/2023; City dismissed its cross-complaint on 6/12/2023.		45076		
SCV-273290	Josefina Moreno v. City of Santa Rosa, Geovanni Rechy Corona, and Does 1 through 50, inclusive	Active - Pleadings	Personal Injury/Dangerous Condition	Claimant alleges CityBus employee negligently operated their vehicle causing collision with claimant's, resulting in injuries		According to Proof			
POLICE ACTION									
3:19-cv-02450-VC	Debra Giambastiani v City of Santa Rosa Santa Rosa Chief of Police Robert Schreeder, Santa Rosa Officer Timothy Gooler, Santa Rosa Officer Tyler Laron, Santa Rosa Officer Christopher Mahurin, Santa Rosa Officer Kenneth Ferrigno, Santa Rosa employees DOES 1-25, County of Sonoma, Sonoma County Sheriff Mark Essick, Sonoma County employees DOES 26-50, Jointly and Severally	Stayed	Police Action	Alleged civil rights violation; malicious prosecution; false arrest and imprisonment; assault and battery; negligence; invasion of privacy; intentional infliction of emotional distress	Case stayed; Appellant entered a no contest plea in the criminal case, however, she intends to file an appeal; the matter remains stayed; it appears the appeal will be heard in June 2023.	According to Proof			
3:22-cv-05270	ANGELINA LOPEZ, individually and as cosuccessor-in interest to Decedent JORDON PAS; E.L., individually and as co-successor-in interest to Decedent JORDON PAS; J.P., individually and as co-successor-in interest to Decedent JORDON PAS; NEYO ALVAREZ, individually and as co-successor-in interest to Decedent JORDON PAS; SESERINA ALVAREZ, individually and as co-successor-in interest to Decedent JORDON PAS; C.P., individually and as co-successor-in interest to Decedent JORDON PAS, C.P., individually and as co-successor-in interest to Decedent JORDON PAS, vs. CITY OF SANTA ROSA, municipal corporation; MATTHEW CROSBIE, individually and in his capacity as a Police Sergeant for the CITY OF SANTA ROSA; JONATHAN MORGAN, individually and in his official capacity as a Police Officer for the CITY OF SANTA ROSA; ROBERT MOORE, individually and in his official capacity as a Police Officer for the CITY OF SANTA ROSA; ROBERT MOORE, individually and in his official capacity as a Police Officer for the CITY OF SANTA ROSA; FRANK SEDENO, individually and in his official capacity as a Police Officer for the CITY OF SANTA ROSA; FRANK SEDENO, individually and in his official capacity as a Police Officer for the CITY OF SANTA ROSA; and DOES 1-50, inclusive	Active - Set for Trial	Police Action	of Emotional Distress	Complaint served on defendant City of Santa Rosa on 11/3/2022; Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint in response to the City's 12(c) Motion; City filed its Answer to the operative pleading on 1/17/2023; discovery is underway; settlement conference scheduled for 6/13/2023; Trial scheduled for 8/19/2024.	According to Proof			
3:23-cv-02730-SK	Christine Jones Pro Se v. County of Sonoma, Sonoma County Public Defender's Office (Fabiola Manai in her official capacity), City of Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa Police Department (Sergeant Matthew North in his official capacity)	Active - Pleadings	Police Action	Claimant alleges obstruction of justice, denial of due process	Complaint was filed on 5/30/2023 by pro se plaintiff; Summons issued by Court on 6/9/2023 and service packet delivered to U.S. Marshal for service on defendants as in forma pauperis application was granted; Initial Case Management Conference scheduled for 8/28/2023.	According to Proof			

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SCV-270820	James Lindsey v. Santa Rosa Police Department and A	Active - Pleadings	Police Action	Claimant alleges civil rights were	Case Management Conference held on	According to Proof			
	Officers Jason Jucutan, T. White, D. Schindler, B.			violated during arrest.	5/9/2023 and Plaintiff failed to appear; Court				
	Wright, J. Badger, George Berg				set the matter for 7/11/2023 for an order to				
					show cause why Plaintiff did not appear.				
SCV-272167	Christopher Vickery v. Luigi Valencia, George Pulis, A	Active - Pleadings	Police Action	Alleged violation of civils rights	City filed a demurrer to Complaint based on	According to Proof			
	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., and DOES 1-50,				plaintiff's failure to file a government tort				
	inclusive				claim; Plaintiff filed a dismissal without				
					prejudice in response; On 5/17/2023, a hearing				
					was held before Hon. Rene Chouteau and the				
					dismissal was vacated; City re-filed its				
					Demurrer to Complaint on 6/9/2023; a Case				
					Management Conference is scheduled for				
					7/27/2023.				
WRIT OF MAND	ATE								
SCV-266092	James L. Duncan v Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit S	itayed	Writ of Mandate	Writ of Mandate and Complaint for	Judgment was entered by the Court granting				
	District, City of Santa Rosa, County of Sonoma			Declaratory and Injunctive Relief	Defendant SMART District's Motion for				
				relating to proposed Jennings Ave	Summary Judgment on 7/19/2022; Plaintiff				
				Crossing of SMART rail line. City is a	filed a Notice of Appeal on 08/04/2022.;				
				Real Party in Interest and not a	Appellate briefs have been filed by all sides,				
				Defendant.	awaiting oral argument and Court decision.				
SCV-272714	Airport Business Center, a California limited A	Active - Pleadings	Writ of Mandate	Writ of Mandate and Complaint for	Complaint served on defendant City of Santa	According to Proof			
	partnership v. City of Santa Rosa; City Council of the			Declaratory and Injunctive Relief	Rosa and Santa Rosa City Council on				
	City of Santa Rosa; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive			relating to designation of a parking	3/02/2023; request to prepare Administrative				
				garage (Garage 5) as surplus	Record received on 3/29/2023; preparation of				
				property under Surplus Land Act.	the Administrative Record is underway; answer				
					will be filed 30 days after filing of the				
					Administrative Record.				
SVC-268752	Western Manufactured Housing Communities A	Active - Set for Trial	Writ of Mandate	Complaint for declaratory and	City filed an Opposition to Plaintiff's Second	According to Proof			
	Association and Rincon Valley dba Rincon Valley			injunctive relief; Petition for Writ of	Motion for Summary Judgment on 5/10/2023;				
	Mobilehome Park v. City of Santa Rosa; Department			Traditional Mandamus; regarding	Hearing on City's and Plaintiffs' Motions for				
	of Housing and Community of the City of Santa			mobile home park rent control	Summary Judgment was heard on 5/24/2023				
	Rosa; Megan Basinger, in her official capacity as			ordinance - application of State price	with City's motion granted and plaintiffs'				
	Interim Director of the Department of Community			gouging limitations	motion denied in full; Trial set for 9/8/2023.				
	Services of the City of Santa Rosa; and DOES 1								
	through 20, inclusive								

# **NEW CLAIMS REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN MAY 2023**

Claimant Name	Date of Claim	Date of Incident	Claim Amount	Location	Description of Claim
					Claimant alleges a Sant Rosa City bus rear-ended his
Kilonzo, David	5/11/2023	4/6/2023	to be determined	Range Ave and Steele Ln	vehicle resulting in vehicle damages and bodily injury
				Sidewalk on Sapphire Way,	Claimant alleges tree fell on them, resulintg in bodily
Henton, Marco	5/30/2023	1/7/2023		the street from 2227 Sapphire	,