CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF HALF MOON BAY

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026
6:00 PM

TED ADCOCK COMMUNITY CENTER,
535 KELLY AVENUE,
HALF MOON BAY, CALIFORNIA 94019

Debbie Ruddock, Mayor
Deborah Penrose, Vice Mayor
Robert Brownstone, Councilmember
Patric Jonsson, Councilmember
Paul Nagengast, Councilmember

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1. CONVENE SPECIAL MEETING / ROLL CALL

2. OPEN SESSION IDENTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.A CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Christopher Ko Boucher, Esq., Alex Avakiantz, Esq., Matthew Chidester, and Kenneth Stiles
Employee organization and Unrepresented employees: International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 39; Non-Represented Confidential Employees; Unrepresented Executive Employees; Represented Management

4.B CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 and paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9: (One Case-see attached)

ATTACHMENT - Claim Settlement

5. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

CITY OF HALF MOON BAY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: **July 17, 2026**

TO: **City Council**

FROM: **Kenneth Stiles, Interim Administrative Services Director**

SUBJECT: **Claim Settlement**

Background
During the December 24, 2025 storm event, a limb from a City-owned tree on Poplar Street fell onto a Coastside County Water District standby vehicle parked at an employee's residence. The vehicle, a 2017 Ford F-150, was determined to be a total loss. ACWA JPIA, on behalf of Coastside County Water District, submitted a property damage claim totaling $45,283.84. The City's claims administrator determined that liability is unfavorable because the City had prior notice of problems with the tree, including previous limb failures.

Settlement Evaluation
The claims administrator determined that $16,705.62 in damages is supported, consisting of:

- Actual cash value of the vehicle, including tax: $14,588.27
- Towing: $195.50
- Storage: $1,400.00
- Loss of use: $521.85

The requested replacement value was not supported because the recoverable amount for a totaled vehicle is its actual cash value.

Recommendation
Approve settlement of the claim in an amount not to exceed **$16,705.62**. As a condition of payment, the claimant will execute a release resolving all additional damages associated with this claim.

Exhibit A: Settlement Authority Request – Claim No. 3123433

CARL WARREN & COMPANY
Claims Management and Solutions

A VENBROOK Company

CITY OF HALF MOON BAY

SETTLEMENT REQUEST: Property Damage

Date: April 22, 2026

Settlement Authority Request up to $16,705.62

Claim Number: 3123433	**Reserves: $45,283.84**
Claimant: ACWA JPIA ASO Coastside County Water District	**Claim Filed: 2-17-26**
Date of Loss: 12-24-25	**Rejection: N/A**
Demand: $45,283.84	**Non-Litigated**

RESERVES	Property Damage	Bodily Injury	Total
Total Reserves	$45,283.84	$0	$45,283.84
Total Paid	$0	$0	$0
Total Incurred	$45,283.84	$0	$45,283.84

EVENTS:
The above referenced claim was filed for property damage by the claimant carrier on behalf of their client. The carrier alleges that a City-owned tree failure resulted in the total loss of their client's vehicle.

CLAIMANT:
The carrier alleges that a City-owned tree failure resulted in the total loss of their client's vehicle.

LIABILITY:
Liability appears to be unfavorable to the city. We have reviewed and confirmed that the City had prior notice of the issues with the tree to include previous tree limb failures.

DAMAGES/INJURIES:
Carrier initially presented $45,283.84 in damages including the total loss of the vehicle – 2017 Ford F-150. The carrier requested replacement value for their client's vehicle. We do not recommend considering this as actual cash vehicle only would be owed in the event of a total loss.

The City is not responsible for honoring an endorsement provided by the carrier to their client. Please find our breakdown of the supported damages as follows:

ACV with tax - $14,588.27. Actual cash value only is owed after the total loss of a vehicle.
Tow - $195.50 is fair and in line.
Storage - $1,400.00. Confirmed total loss of vehicle - would take carrier time to have appraisal completed. Carrier negotiated storage from $260.00 a day to $200.00. 7 days is fair and reasonable.
Loss of use - $521.85 ($74.55 a day for 7 days is fair and reasonable as vehicle was determined to be a total loss and pending evaluation) Comparable vehicle used to determine loss of use costs. Fair and reasonable.

Total supported damages - $16,705.62

RECOMMENDATION:
Request authority to resolve the PD for $16,705.62. The claimant will sign a release and the City will not owe for any additional damages.

Prepared by: Macayla Chace

Supervisor: Ralph Mann

Approved by _____ Date _____