



CLAIM AGAINST THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

California Government Code Sections 900 and following

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The completed form can be mailed, sent electronically or hand delivered. Mail or deliver to: Clerk of the Board Santa Clara Valley Water District-HQ 5700 Almaden Expressway San Jose, CA 95118 Or submit the completed form electronically to: clerkoftheboard@valleywater.org	Clerk of the Board's Date Stamp	
	For SCVWD Use Only	
	Date Received: 08/11/25	ROUTING
	☒ Via U.S. Mail	☒ CEO
	☐ Hand Delivered	☒ District Counsel
	☐ Email	☒ Risk Management
☐ Other: _____	☒ COB	
	☐ BOD (District #): _____	

With certain exceptions, claims for personal injury or property damage MUST be filed within six months of the incident giving rise to the claim. Claimant must complete each section. If information is unknown, write "unknown" in the appropriate box. Please use additional pages if necessary. Please attach itemized receipts, witness statements, photos and all other documentation that you believe will be helpful to process your claim. Claimant MUST sign and date the form; see last page.

Name of Claimant: ROBERT EMMONS		Email Address: BOBBY.SRIGHT55@OUTLOOK.	
Address of Claimant: COLUMBUS PARK		City: SAN JOSE	State: CA Zip: 95110
Address to which Notices should be sent, if different from above: 1919 SENTER ROAD		City: SAN JOSE	State: CA Zip: 95112
Home Phone Number: N/A	Cell Phone Number: N/A	Work Phone Number: N/A	
Is this claim being filed on behalf of a minor? ☐ Yes ☒ No		If so, please indicate minor's date of birth: Relationship to the minor:	
Date and time of incident or loss: ABOUT MAY 2025	Location of incident or loss (address): ON AUTUMN PARK - WAY BETWEEN COLEMAN AND JULIAN	Is there a police report? ☐ Yes If Yes, Police Report Case #: ☐ No	

Describe how the incident or loss happened, and the reason you believe the Santa Clara Valley Water District is responsible for your damages (Please attach additional sheets if necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.



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In detail, describe the damage or injury (Please attach additional sheets if necessary):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

List Name(s) and contact information of any witness(es) or District employee involved (if any):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

DAMAGES CLAIMED: Basis for computation of amounts claimed (include copies of bills, invoices, estimates, receipts, photos, police case # or other documentation.) Note: If your claim is more than \$10,000, you need not fill in an amount, but must state whether jurisdiction for the claim would be in the Limited Jurisdiction (up to \$25,000) or Unlimited jurisdiction of the Superior Court.

Is the amount of the claim under \$10,000?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Court Jurisdiction: (Check One)

☒ Limited Civil

☐ Unlimited Civil

ITEMS	CLAIM AMOUNT
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED	
1.	\$
2.	\$
3.	\$
4.	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$

WARNING: IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO FILE A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM (Penal Code Section 72 and 550)

I have read the matters and statements made in the above claim and I know the same to be true of my own knowledge, except to those matters stated upon information and belief and as to such matters I believe the same to be true. I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is TRUE and CORRECT.

Signed this

20TH

day of

JULY

, 20

25



Claimant's Signature

Government Code Section 945.6 provides that, with limited exceptions, any suit brought against a public entity must be commenced:

- (1) If written notice is given of a denial of claim in accordance with **Section 913**, not later than six months after the date such notice is personally delivered or deposited in the mail.
- (2) If written notice is not given of a denial of claim in accordance with **Section 913**, within two years from the accrual of the cause of action.

I, Robert, declare:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this document, and if called to testify, I could and would do so competently.

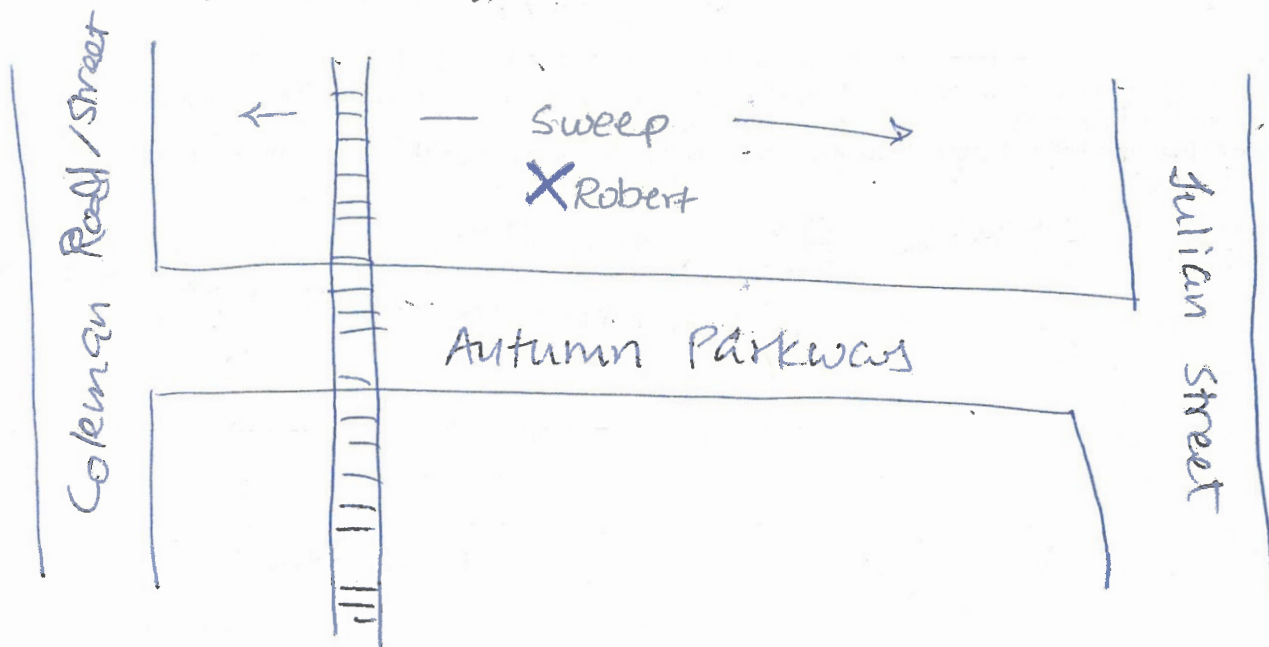
Background

I grew up in the Bay Area. I grew up in Morgan Hill, moved to Texas for a little bit. I ended up coming back here because I'm familiar with the Bay. I became a truck driver during COVID and ended up getting let go. I was doing deliveries for Doordash and Postmates, which gave me enough money to get by. But Milpitas ended up taking my motorcycle because I couldn't get it registered here. After that, I ended up on the streets. Since then, I've experienced 7 to 8 sweeps.

I got my dog a little over a year ago as a puppy. His name is Stone. He just kind of fell in your lap. They took his toys, his food, even his dog bowl.

Location

In San Jose, on Autumn Parkway, in between Coleman and Julian.



Notice From and Communication With City or Agency Prior to Enforcement Action

They put up posters a few days or a week before the sweep. On the posters, they said they would have storages for 90 days for personal property.

Day of Enforcement Action

There were a couple posting before the sweep itself. They cleared out the whole area. They showed up really early in the morning. I was sleeping in my tent. When they got there, they told us we had five minutes to get up and go. I got up, tried to grab as much important stuff as I possibly could and had to go. I was able to grab clothes, a few tools, what I could of my food, and my dog, Stone. They took the rest and put it in a garbage truck in front of us. They took mental

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health medications that belonged to an old lady who lived there, who is a diagnosed schizophrenic.

NBC news covered the sweep. You can look it up, titled "Crews clear homeless encampment in San Jose," dated May 19, 2025. The link here: <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/san-jose-homeless-encampment-sweep-2/3872523/>

Description of Property Seized

See attachment for itemized list.

Harm Caused From City's Actions

I'm a mechanic and I do small engine repairs for people out here. They took all my tools, my generator. Every time I get stuff to make a living, they take it away from me. No matter what you say, they won't give it back to you.

I don't have my computer, my phone, my tools. I had personal pictures on my hard drive that aren't saved to a cloud. NCB

Losing pictures and other irreplaceable items from loved ones is a huge loss. It's like when you have those things those people are still with you and when you lose those things, they're gone. How do you put a price on that?

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Jose, CA on July 20, 2025.



Printed Name : Robert Emmons

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**ITEMIZED DAMAGES FOR
DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CLAIM UNDER \$12,500**

Date of Incident: May 2025 (approximately) **Name of Claimant:** Robert Emmons

Description of the item	Condition at the time of the Incident (New, Lightly used; Damaged but usable; or Not Usable)	The reasonable cost to replace the item	How you estimated the value of the item
Honda Inverter Generator, 2200 Surge Watts, 1800 Rated Watts, Model# EU2200ITAN	Lightly used	\$1,099	Cost on northerntool.com
4 wrench sets	Lightly used	\$150	How much I paid for it
7 ratchet sets	Lightly used	\$400	How much I paid for it
Dewalt drill	Lightly used	\$92	Amazon.com
Bosch power tool combo kit	Lightly used	\$199	Lowe's website
PITTSBURGH 1/2 in. Drive, 10 to 150 ft-lb Click Torque Wrench	Lightly used	\$21.99	Harbor Freight website
Klein MM50 Slim Digital Multimeter	Lightly used	\$79.99	Home Depot website

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Bicycle: Cannondale Easy Rider Recumbent	New	\$3,700	Selling on eBay for this amount
Computer: Dell Vostro 5630 Business Laptop	New	\$1,404.99	Walmart website
Phone: Samsung Galaxy S22	Used	\$195	Walmart website
Clothes: jacket, jerseys, work boots	Mixed	\$2,000	Three garbage bags and two suitcase. Each had 20 items each. Each item was approximate \$20.
California king bed: memory foam mattress and frame	Lightly used	\$916.99	Mattress Firm website
Rei Co-op Base Camp 6 Tent	Lightly used	\$549	REI website

For each item that cannot be replaced (for example, because it has sentimental value), describe the item and explain why the item is valuable to you and what value you claim for it.

1. Physical pictures of family members (my dad, brother); pictures of me when I was a baby
2. Letters from loved ones that I'd had for many years
3. A Jason Friday the 13th jersey that my fiancé gave me as a gift on Christmas a few years ago

TOTAL SPECIAL DAMAGES
(value of items taken)

\$ 10 807.94

GENERAL DAMAGES
Emotional Distress

\$ 1 691

TOTAL SUM OF DAMAGES

\$ 12 498.94

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