

STATUS REPORTS

Risk & Safety

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*November OSHA data was not available by the
December 2nd agenda publication deadline.
Mr. Klepeis will provide November and
December OSHA Reports for the January 18,
2023 meeting.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CLAIMS					
Information Provided by the County Risk Manager					
YEAR	REPORT MONTH	BPU MTG DATE	TORT CLAIMS	WORKERS COMP	PROPERTY DAMAGE
2022	NOV	12/7/2022	NONE	NONE	NONE
2022	OCT	11/16/2022	LA Public Schools made claim for two burned out motors which they attribute to a power outage.	NONE	NONE
2022	SEP	10/19/2022	NONE	NONE	NONE
2022	AUG	9/21/2022	NONE	NONE	NONE
2022	JUL	8/17/2022	NONE	NONE	An EP employee experienced a stone chipping to his windshield while operating his assigned vehicle. No recovery.
2022	JUN	7/20/2022	NONE	1. A GWS employee fell while securing a Vactor boom; strained leg; lost 6 days then back to full duty. 2. A WP employee working on trailer strained his knee; examined and released to full duty.	NONE
2022	MAY	6/15/2022	Claimant experienced sewer water damage to basement and contents due to a County main back-up. Claimant called ServePro initially, and insurance has approved continuing mitigation and restoration services.	An Electrical Distribution employee caught and fractured two fingers in a cable reel. The employee was treated and released to work with restriction. Employee will require follow-up treatment.	NONE
2022	APR	5/18/2022	NONE	NONE	NONE
2022	MAR	4/20/2022	NONE	NONE	1. WP employee accidentally broke window of truck. 2. GWS Backhoe front bucket apparatus came loose, damaged hood of machine.
2022	FEB	3/16/2022	Claimant alleges property damage due to water line leak. Minor.	NONE	NONE
2022	JAN	2/16/2022	There were no Utilities related tort claims filed with regard to any January incidents.	An Electrical Distribution employee slipped and fell on parking lot ice; currently working with restrictions.	A GWS employee backing into space lost control of his personal vehicle, struck NE corner of Bldg. 5, causing significant damage. Employee provided insurance information. Risk will recover damages for the County.
2021	DEC	1/19/2022	NONE	NONE	NONE
2021	NOV	12/15/2021	NONE	NONE	NONE
2021	OCT	11/17/21	Claimant alleges furnace dame as result of replacement of gas meter.	NONE	NONE
2021	SEP	10/20/21	1. Claimant states damage to various fixtures in building new filtration system was installed 2. Claimant states gas leak to regulator caused damage to GLR-04	NONE	NONE
2021	AUG	09/15/21	NONE	NONE	NONE
2021	JUL	08/18/21	NONE	NONE	NONE
2021	JUN	07/21/21	NONE	NONE	NONE
2021	MAY	06/16/21	NONE	NONE	NONE
2021	APR	05/19/21	NONE	NONE	NONE
2021	MAR	04/21/21	NONE	NONE	NONE
2021	FEB	03/17/21	1. GWS employee backed into parked unoccupied motorist's vehicle. 2. GWS snowplow slid into motorist under icy conditions.	An ED employee slipped and fell on ice; injured right wrist/hand; able to return to work with no lost days.	A GWS employee backed into a shed at the Aquatic Center. GWS is repairing damage.
2021	JAN	02/24/21	NONE	NONE	1. A GWS employee misjudged backing clearance and backed vehicle 1113 into 1202, with minor damage. 2. A Utilities EP Hydro employee misjudged backing clearance and backed vehicle 1242 into a parked snow plow, resulting only in a small hole in 1242 tailgate. Winter weather conditions.
2020	DEC	01/20/21	On DP Road, GWS driver making turn misjudged clearance and struck a support leg of a flagging machine owned by Southwest Safety; \$3800+- damage claimed.	NONE	NONE
2020	NOV	12/16/20	Claimant alleges that lightning struck a County utility pole causing a voltage surge that damaged his computer. Recommended for denial.	NONE	Claim in which a Utilities employee reported that the toolbox slid in the truck he was driving, and it broke the truck's rear window.
2020	OCT	11/18/20	Claim involving Electrical Distribution: a claimant alleges that home appliances were damaged due to a failure of their neutral conductor, causing voltage overload in part of their electrical panel. ED has responded that the County has no way of knowing or predicting that a house service conductor will fail. Claim has been recommended for denial.	NONE	NONE
2020	SEP	10/21/20	NONE	A lineman fractured/lacerated his right middle finger when removing a heavy manhole cover; returned to duty same day.	NONE
2020	AUG	09/16/20	Resident and her insurer claim sewer back-up damage due to County main problem	GWS worker using high pressure wand; wand slipped, causing contact and skin abrasion to wrist.	NONE
2020	JUL	08/19/20	Water main repair caused debris to enter residence plumbing, clogging house facilities; plumber's bill claimed.	NONE	Break-in reported at El Vado. Damage and theft of federally owned property being stored on premises; no damage or theft to County.
2020	JUN	07/15/20	A claimant experienced water damage to his residence due to a County water line leak.	Lineman lacerated his hand using a knife to splice cable (6/8/2020)	NONE
2020	MAY	06/17/20	NONE	NONE	NONE
2020	APR	05/20/20	NONE	NONE	NONE
2020	MAR	04/15/20	NONE	NONE	NONE
2020	FEB	03/18/20	NONE	NONE	NONE
2020	JAN	02/19/20	Resident incurred plumber bill; didn't know outage was due to main break.	NONE	NONE