



COUNTY of NAPA

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January 11, 2007

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Re: Binding Arbitration
01-TC-07
Request for Continuance

Dear Ms. Patton:

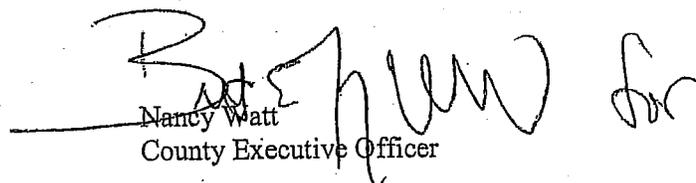
It has recently come to the attention of the County of Napa that the hearing on the test claim for Binding Arbitration is set before the Commission on January 25, 2007. We have been further advised that the present recommendation of the Commission staff is to deny the test claim based upon the fact that the City of Palos Verdes Estates had no costs.

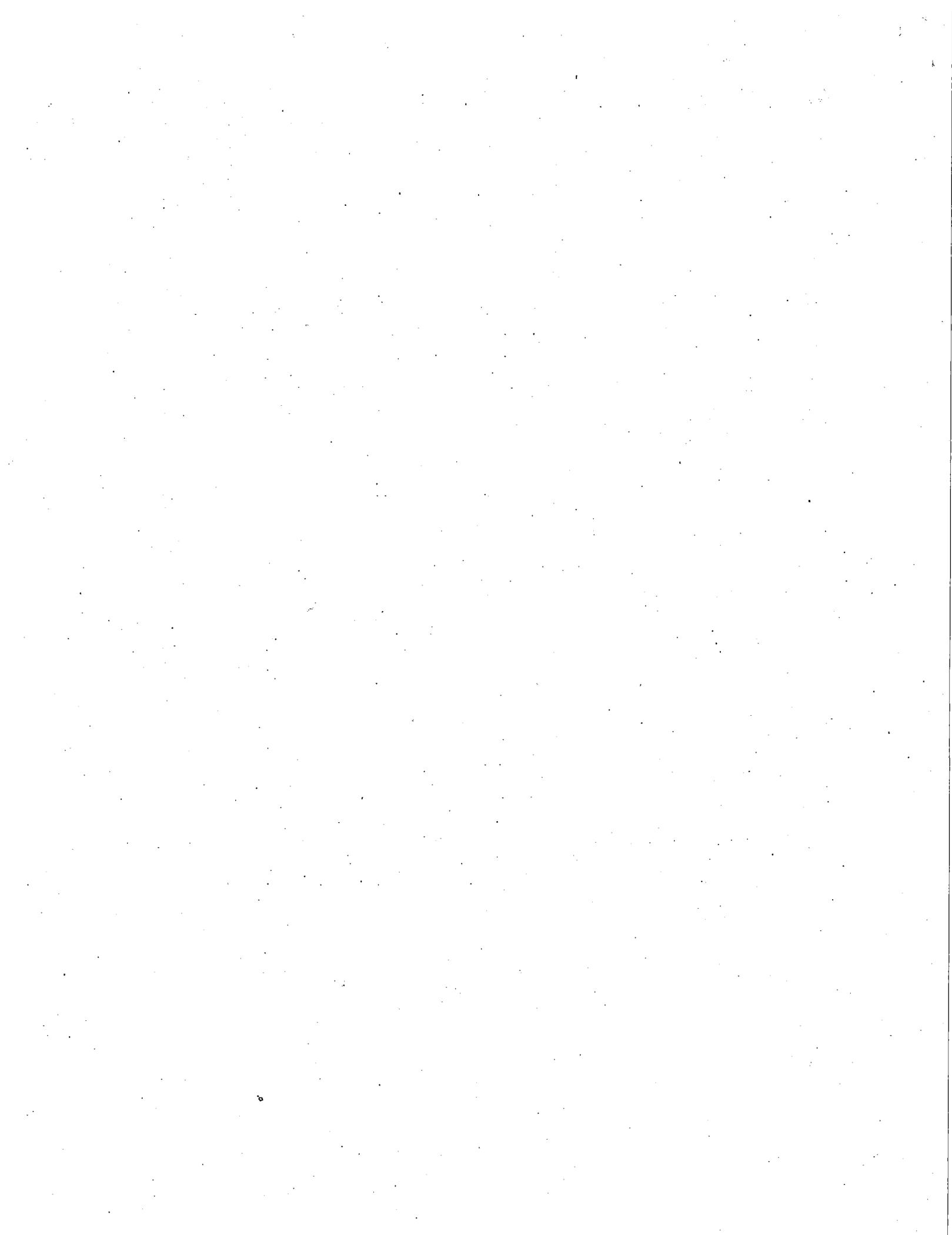
The County of Napa complied with the mandates of SB 402 from the time it was enacted until it was declared unconstitutional. During this time the County participated in Binding Arbitration to an ultimate determination by an arbitration panel on salaries and benefits. It is our understanding that if the test claim proceeds as scheduled on January 25th, the County of Napa will be precluded from reimbursement for its process costs in complying with this mandate.

County of Napa staff is recommending to our Board that they consider joining in this claim as a co-test claimant. However, January 23, 2007 is the earliest date that the Board of Supervisors can meet to consider authorization to proceed as a co-test claimant. The amount of time between the granting of authorization to proceed and your hearing will be insufficient for your staff to analyze our request, much less for agencies to comment thereon.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above-referenced hearing be continued to allow County of Napa staff time to present this opportunity to our Board and for the Board to make an official decision whether or not to join in the claim.

Very truly yours,


Nancy Watt
County Executive Officer



Commission on State Mandates

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Issue: Binding Arbitration

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Mailing List

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