



December 11, 2025

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*And Parties, Interested Parties, and Interested Persons (See Mailing List)*

**Re: Notice of Complete Incorrect Reduction Claim, Schedule for Comments, and Notice of Tentative Hearing Date**

*Child Abduction and Recovery*, 25-4237-I-06

Family Code Sections 3060-3064, 3130-3134.5, 3408, 3411, and 3421;  
Penal Code Sections 277, 278, and 278.5; Welfare and Institutions Code Section  
11478.5; Statutes 1976, Chapter 1399; Statutes 1992, Chapter 162; Statutes  
1996, Chapter 988

Fiscal Years: 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020

County of Ventura, Claimant

Dear Mr. Burgh, Mr. Hughes, and Ms. Kato:

On November 18, 2025, the County of Ventura (claimant) filed the above-captioned Incorrect Reduction Claim (IRC) with the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) based on the State Controller's (Controller's) reductions to its reimbursement claims for costs incurred under the *Child Abduction and Recovery* program for fiscal years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, in accordance with Government Code section 17551(d). Upon review, Commission staff found the IRC to be incomplete and on December 4, 2025, notified the claimant. On December 4, 2025, the claimant filed documents to cure the IRC. Upon review, Commission staff finds that this IRC is complete and that it retains the filing date of November 18, 2025, in accordance with section 1185.2(a) and 1181.2(e), effective January 1, 2026 of the Commission's regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 2).

**Controller's Review and Response.** The Controller's written comments and supporting documentation regarding this claim are due no later than **March 11, 2026** in accordance with Government Code Section 11020 and sections 1181.2(e), effective January 1, 2026, 1185.2(d) and 1187.5 of the Commission's regulations. Please include an explanation of the reasons for the reductions and the computation of reimbursements.

The failure of the Controller to respond within this 90-day timeline shall not cause the Commission to delay consideration of this IRC. (Gov. Code §17553(d).)

**Claimant's Rebuttal.** Upon receipt of the Controller's comments, the claimant and interested persons may file rebuttals. The rebuttals are due 30 days from the service date of the comments (Gov. Code § 11020 and Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 § 1185.2(e), effective January 1, 2026.) If new written representations of fact are made, they must

be supported with documentary evidence filed with the rebuttal. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1181.3, 1185.2(e), effective January 1, 2026, and 1187.5.)

**Requirements for All Filings and Testimony.** All oral or written representations of fact made to the Commission offered by any person shall be under oath or affirmation and signed under penalty of perjury by persons who are authorized and competent to do so and must be based on the declarant's personal knowledge, information or belief. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1185.2(e), effective January 1, 2026, and 1187.5.) The Commission's ultimate findings of fact must be supported by substantial evidence in the record.<sup>1</sup> Hearsay evidence (such as declarations not based on personal knowledge but information and belief alone) may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence but shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions.<sup>2</sup>

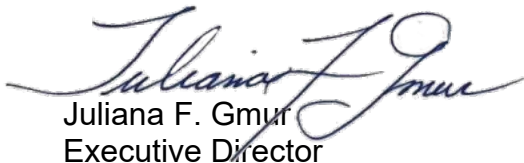
**Filing Written Materials.** The Commission's regulations require that written materials filed with the Commission be electronically filed (e-filed) in an unlocked legible and searchable PDF file, using the Commission's Dropbox. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §§ 1181.3(d)(2) and 1181.3(f), effective January 1, 2026.) Refer to <https://www.csm.ca.gov/dropbox.shtml> on the Commission's website for electronic filing instructions. If e-filing would cause the filer undue hardship or significant prejudice, filing may occur by first class mail, overnight delivery or personal service only upon approval of a written request to the executive director. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, 1181.3(j), effective January 1, 2026.)

If you would like to request an extension of time, please refer to section 1187.9(a) of the Commission's regulations.

**Informal Conference.** An informal conference may be scheduled if requested. Refer to section 1187.4 of the Commission's regulations.

**Public Hearing and Draft Proposed Decision.** The public hearing on this Incorrect Reduction Claim has been tentatively scheduled for **October 9, 2026**. The Draft Proposed Decision will be issued for comment at least eight weeks prior to the public hearing.

Very truly yours,



Juliana F. Gmur  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> Government Code section 17559(b), which provides that a claimant or the state may commence a proceeding in accordance with the provisions of section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure to set aside a decision of the Commission on the ground that the Commission's decision is not supported by substantial evidence in the record.

<sup>2</sup> Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 1187.5.

### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL**

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On December 11, 2025, I served the:

- **Current Mailing List dated December 11, 2025**
- **Notice of Complete Incorrect Reduction Claim, Schedule for Comments, and Notice of Tentative Hearing Date issued December 11, 2025**
- **Incorrect Reduction Claim (IRC) filed by the County of Ventura on November 18, 2025**

*Child Abduction and Recovery, 25-4237-I-06*

Family Code Sections 3060-3064, 3130-3134.5, 3408, 3411, and 3421;  
Penal Code Sections 277, 278, and 278.5; Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11478.5; Statutes 1976, Chapter 1399; Statutes 1992, Chapter 162; Statutes 1996, Chapter 988

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County of Ventura, Claimant

By making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on December 11, 2025 at Sacramento, California.



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**Claim Number:** 25-4237-I-06

**Matter:** Child Abduction and Recovery

**Claimant:** County of Ventura

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Each commission mailing list is continuously updated as requests are received to include or remove any party or person on the mailing list. A current mailing list is provided with commission correspondence, and a copy of the current mailing list is available upon request at any time. Except as provided otherwise by commission rule, when a party or interested party files any written material with the commission concerning a claim, it shall simultaneously serve a copy of the written material on the parties and interested parties to the claim identified on the mailing list provided by the commission. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1181.3.)

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