STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CLAIM

DGS ORIM 006 (Rev. 09/2025)

Section 1: Claimant Information			
Last Name	First Name		Middle Initial
Estate of Lamar McGlothurn			
Inmate or Patient Identification Number (if applicable)	Business Name (if applicable)		
Telephone Number	Email Address		
(310) 477-1700	rglassman@panish.law		
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
11111 Santa Monica Blvd. Suite 700	Los Angeles	CA	90025
Is the claimant under 18 years of age?	Insured Name (Insurance Company Subrogation)		
☐ Yes ■ No		, ,	
Is this an amendment to a previously existing claim? Yes No	Existing Claim Number(if applicable) Existing Claimant Name (if applicable)		Name (if applicable)
Section 2: Attorney or Representative Information			
Last Name	First Name		Middle Initial
Glassman	Robert		
Telephone Number	Email Address		•
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Section 5: Notice and Signature			
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the best of my information and belief. I further understand misleading I may be charged with a felony punishable section 72).	that if I have prov	ided information that is false, intentio	nally incomplete, or
Signature Robert Glassman Digitally signed by Robert Glassman Date: 2025.11.13 10:12:30 -08'00'	Printed Name Robert Glass	man	Date 11/13/25
Instructions			
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Office of Risk and Insurance Management Government Claims Program P.O. Box 989052, MS 414 West Sacramento, CA 95798-9052		Office of Risk and Insu Management Governn Claims Program 707 3rd Street, 1st Flo West Sacramento, CA	or

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5	Telephone: 310.477.1700 Facsimile: 310.477.1699			
6	Attorneys for Claimants			
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8	SUPERIOR COURT OF TH	IE STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
9	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES			
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11	THE ESTATE OF LAMAR MCGLOTHURN, by and through its Successor-in-Interest	Case No.		
12	MADELINE EATON, MADELINE EATON, an Individual, KEVIN SHRESTHA, an	GOVERNMENT CLAIM AGAINST STATE OF CALIFORNIA – SANTA		
13	Individual,	MONICA CONSERVANCY		
14	Claimants,			
15	V.			
16	MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY, a public			
17	entity, CAMP WILDCRAFT LLC, GOMEZ LANDSCAPE & TREE CARE, INC.			
18	Respondent.			
19 20				
21	Claims for damages are hereby made aga	inst the STATE OF CALIFORNIA – SANTA		
22	MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY ("F	Respondent") at Office of Risk and Insurance,		
23	Management Government Claims Program, P.O.	Box 989052, MS 414, West Sacramento, CA		
24	95798, in an amount in excess of the minimum ju	urisdictional limits of the Superior Court of the		
25	State of California. In support of said claim, the	following information is submitted:		
26		LAMAR MCGLOTHURN, by and through its		
27	Successor-in-Interest MADELINE EATON, MA	DELINE EATON, an Individual, and KEVIN		
28	SHRESTHA, an Individual.			

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- 2. Address to which Claimants request correspondence to be mailed: PANISH | SHEA | RAVIPUDI LLP, c/o Robert Glassman, Esq., 11111 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90025; (310) 477-1700.
- 3. **Location of the Incident**: King Gillette Ranch, 26800 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA 91302 ("SUBJECT LOCATION").
- 4. <u>Description of Incident</u>: On the afternoon of July 9, 2025 at King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas, a massive tree branch snapped off an old and decaying oak tree and killed an 8-year-old boy named Lamar McGlothurn. Lamar's mother and father were there to pick him up from Camp Wildcraft and tragically witnessed their son's death.

This was not the first time a big branch fell from that tree however. In fact, on several recent occasions, the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority ("MRCA") and Camp Wildcraft and its owners, Benny Ferdman and Shari Davis, actually knew branches were dangerously dropping from that tree. And yet, Camp Wildcraft and MRCA inexplicably directed groups of young children to play, paint and rest directly under the tree. That is exactly what Lamar was doing when he was tragically killed by the falling branch. Moreover, MRCA and Camp Wildcraft were on notice that oak trees at King Gillette Ranch in the lawn across from the pond and picnic areas that Camp Wildcraft were to utilize in the summer of 2025 had been evaluated as long ago as 2008 and 2017 and were found to be unhealthy and problematic. In fact, numerous trees had to be removed for safety reasons. Still, no one did anything before the subject branch dropped on Lamar and killed him.

Recent reports and California Public Records Act Requests confirmed officials knew about the subject tree's decay before the deadly branch snapped off the tree and killed Lamar. Indeed, crews at King Gillette Ranch raised concerns about the decaying tree one week before the fatal incident. The text and emails from the MRCA, which operates King Gillette Ranch, showed that staff requested the removal of a branch that snapped from the tree on July 2: "Large tree branch snapped and is being suspended by other branches...Request tree co to address ASAP." The "tree co" referred to was Gomez Landscape & Tree Care. A day later, July 3, MRCA Deputy Chief of Developed Resources/Special Events Manager, Barbara Collins, wrote an email that read in part,

"Want you to be aware of this. This is that oak at the front of the park, side lawn across from pond that you are watching. Limb cracked yesterday, a big one...Don't know if this limb cracking has to do with health of the tree, so thought I'd let you know." On the same day, the division chief wrote:

"Wow. That was a massive branch. Thank god that no one was seriously hurt or killed. Thank you so much for taking care of this. I would not have been able to sleep at night knowing that branch was just waiting to fall."

A text message by Gilbert Gomez at Gomez Landscape & Tree Care also expressed his concerns about the health of the tree, writing, "it is somewhat concerning seeing all the decay at the trunk." The Gomez employee also suggested staff thin the canopy to mitigate risk: "It would be wise to thin the canopy and alleviate end weight at a minimum to mitigate the risk."

Merely six days later, on July 9, another branch fell onto picnic tables and killed 8-year-old Lamar, who was attending Camp Wildcraft at the ranch.

Arboricultural industry standards, best practices and common sense call for the area surrounding a dangerous tree to be blocked off if the tree poses a threat of harming people.

Despite actual notice that the tree was dangerous and dropping branches, no one from MRCA nor Camp Wildcraft nor Gomez Landscape & Tree Care stopped the children from going under the tree's massive canopy. Based on several reports, Camp Wildcraft even directed the campers, like Lamar, to stay within the target zone of the tree on July 9 despite such notice of falling tree limbs capable of killing the children underneath.

Further, legal representatives and tree experts on behalf of Lamar's family inspected the subject tree and branch at King Gillette Ranch following the subject incident in July 2025. The inspection revealed significant deterioration and stress signs in the subject oak tree, including recent and older limb losses, bark checking, and potential cavities. Several images document the precarious condition of the main trunk and branches, highlighting areas of previous failures and

ongoing risks.

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During the site inspection, the lower trunk of the subject valley oak exhibited visible signs of significant deterioration. A prominent vertical defect was observed on the main stem, consisting of missing and sloughing bark, discolored and exposed interior wood, and evidence of fluid staining consistent with past sap flow or exudation. Experts sounded the trunk and identified some hollowness which often indicates the presence of internal decay, cavities, or compromised wood structure beneath the bark. The affected area spans a substantial portion of the trunk circumference and shows characteristics commonly associated with internal decay, tissue death, and progressive structural compromise. The presence of degraded wood tissue and separation between dead and live bark indicates the tree has experienced chronic stress and physiological decline over time. These conditions likely represent a long-standing defect that would have been observable prior to the failure event and, in my opinion, constitute a clear visual warning of compromised structural integrity in the trunk of the tree. The break surface morphology and callus formation on some limbs strongly suggest a history of recent failures prior to the subject incident. The tree's location in a public-access setting and its known history of recent large limb failure, the condition of the trunk would have warranted further investigation relevant to determining whether reasonable inspections and hazard mitigation were warranted to prevent a failure.

Based on visible structural defects, multiple prior failures, and a location of foreseeable public occupancy, this was a preventable tree failure, not a spontaneous or unforeseeable act of nature.

5. <u>Names, Addresses and Telephone Numbers of Witnesses</u>: Camp Wildcraft c/o Benny Ferdman, Shari Davis, Makenzie Mulligan, Naomi Peterson; Gomez Landscape & Tree

2	Ribarich, Tim Miller, Scott Hughes, Maribelle Martinez, Jamie Cabral, Richard Flores, Carlos
3	Espinoza, Joseph Edmiston, Rorie Skei; Los Angeles Sheriff's Department c/o Deputies Leon,
4	Silva and Grigoryan; Jan C. Scow Consulting Arborists, LLC c/o Jan Scow; Lorenzo Mateo,
5	ISA Certified Arborist; Madline Eaton; Kevin Shrestha
6	6. <u>Basis of Claim</u> :
7	King Gillette Ranch is managed and owned by the MRCA and the Santa Monica
8	Mountains Conservancy.
9	The MRCA is a local government public entity established in 1985 pursuant to the Joint
0	Powers Act. The MRCA is a partnership between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy,
1	which is a state agency established by the Legislature, and the Conejo Recreation and Park District
2	and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.
3	Under California law, landowners and operators have a "duty of care" to:
4	Maintain their premises in a reasonably safe condition.
5	Inspect for known or reasonably foreseeable hazards.
6	Address or mitigate tree-related dangers in areas open to public use.
7	Breach Indicators Present in This Case
8	1. Failure to Inspect
9	• The visible decay and dieback were readily apparent with a basic visual
20	inspection from the ground.
21	 ISA BMPs recommend Level 2 visual tree assessments annually in high-use
22	zones.
23	 No apparent assessment, documentation, or mitigation was conducted here.
24	2. Failure to Act on Known Hazards
25	 Prior failures, visible decay, and wound response patterns imply that decay was
26	not sudden, an arborist would have flagged the branch and/or tree for mitigation.
27	Evidence shows an existing defect profile and tree structure imbalance, not an
28	"Act of God" or sudden, unforeseeable event.

Care, Inc. c/o Gilbert Gomez; MRCA c/o Barbara Collins, Dash Stolarz, Brian Baldauf, Matthew

3. Negligent Maintenance Program

where the SUBJECT INCIDENT occurred.

 No sign (yet) of proactive hazard mitigation (e.g., deadwood removal, cabling, weight reduction, hazard assessments, etc.).

Further, Claimants are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Respondents created, owned, built, drafted, engineered, designed, inspected, regulated, modified, directed, supervised, planned, contracted, constructed, managed, serviced, repaired, maintained, used, occupied, and controlled the SUBJECT LOCATION, including the SUBJECT TREE and surrounding area

At the time of the SUBJECT INCIDENT, various dangerous conditions existed on, at, and around the SUBJECT LOCATION, including the SUBJECT TREE, that created a substantial and reasonably foreseeable risk of injury or death when such properties were used with due care in a reasonably foreseeable manner. The various dangerous conditions include but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) The SUBJECT TREE was improperly and dangerously planted, placed, angled, maintained, inspected, and/or controlled by said Respondents prior to, and at the time of, the SUBJECT INCIDENT;
- (b) The SUBJECT TREE was maintained in a rotten and decayed condition by said Respondents prior to, and at the time of, the SUBJECT INCIDENT;
- (c) The SUBJECT TREE was overgrown and dangerously leaning towards the area of the SUBJECT LOCATION posing the risk of serious and potentially fatal harm to members of the public, including Claimants, whom would congregate and be present at or near the SUBJECT LOCATION;
- (d) The roots of SUBJECT TREE were improperly maintained, inspected, and/or controlled prior to, and at the time of the SUBJECT INCIDENT so as to cause and create a dangerous condition;
- (e) The SUBJECT TREE, as well as other trees located within the SUBJECT LOCATION, was and were planted within an improper and dangerous distance of one another

prior to, and at the time of the SUBJECT INCIDENT, so as to cause and create a dangerous condition;

- (f) The SUBJECT TREE lacked reasonable barricades, support, and/or protective mechanisms prior to, and at the time of the SUBJECT INCIDENT, so as to prevent such trees and/or vegetation from experiencing decay and/or falling over in the manner it did on the day of the SUBJECT INCIDENT, thereby creating a dangerous condition;
- (g) The SUBJECT TREE and the SUBJECT LOCATION lacked, or failed to have, any, or has or had insufficient and/or defective, warning signs, signals, markings, devices or other forms of warning necessary to alert members of the public of said dangerous conditions;
- (h) The SUBJECT LOCATION was negligently maintained, repaired, used, occupied, controlled, serviced, and kept so as to pose risk of severe and potentially fatal injury to the public, including Claimants;
- (i) The combination of the above-referenced conditions created by said

 Respondents a concealed trap to foreseeable users of the SUBJECT LOCATION, including the

 Claimants.

Claimants contend that the SUBJECT LOCATION and SUBJECT TREE were dangerously and defectively placed, planted, maintained, serviced, planned, designed, drafted, engineered, constructed and positioned, and was either not approved in accordance with standard procedure, regulations and statutes (thereby violating same) or could not reasonably have been approved by any appropriate and responsible governmental entity or any delegates and agents thereof. To the extent the design of the SUBJECT LOCATION, and the trees and/or vegetation surrounding and within the SUBJECT AREA including the SUBJECT TREE, as well as the adjoining area adjacent to SUBJECT TREE and SUBJECT LOCATION, was approved, if any approval was requested and given, the requesting and responding authority(ies)/delegate(s) and agent(s) were incompetent or failed to possess the requisite skills and expertise to render a reasonable evaluation of the benefits, risks and dangers of the design plan as submitted or amended and approved. To the extent the design of the SUBJECT LOCATION, and the trees and/or vegetation surrounding and within the SUBJECT LOCATION including SUBJECT TREE,

as well as the adjoining area adjacent to SUBJECT TREE and SUBJECT LOCATION, was approved, said approval was unreasonable and constituted a manifest abuse of discretion, or was otherwise negligent by failing to address the applicable engineering standards and conditions then existing or reasonably contemplated to exist in the future, once said design was implemented.

Claimants are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Respondents had, within the meaning of *Government Code* § 835.2, actual and/or constructive knowledge of the said dangerous and defective conditions of the SUBJECT TREE and SUBJECT LOCATION, and the trees and/or vegetation surrounding and within the SUBJECT LOCATION, for a sufficient period of time prior to the SUBJECT INCIDENT to have taken measures to prevent such incidents due to the longstanding physical appearance and conditions of the SUBJECT LOCATION, and the trees and/or vegetation surrounding and within the SUBJECT LOCATION, as well as the SUBJECT TREE. Claimants are further informed and believe, that Respondents also had actual knowledge of prior incidents, some in proximity to the SUBJECT INCIDENT, for sufficient period of time prior to the SUBJECT INCIDENT to have taken measures to prevent further such incidents.

Claimants are further informed and believe, and thereon allege, that said dangerous conditions were a legal, direct, and proximate cause of the injury and damages suffered by the Claimants.

Claimants further allege, that Respondents and their agents, associates, employees, contractors (independent or otherwise), consultants, partners, vendors, and/or joint venturers also face liability for Claimants' damages pursuant to *Government Code* §§ 815.2, 815.4 and 820(a), 835.2 et seq., for negligently, carelessly, and/or recklessly planting, planning, owning, building, installing, reviewing, evaluating, directing, designing, maintaining, allowing, permitting, regulating, contracting, controlling, servicing, inspecting, repairing, modifying, altering, monitoring, managing, repairing, improving, constructing, controlling, warning or failing to warn of, removing or failing to remove, and/or supervising the SUBJECT TREE and SUBJECT LOCATION and the trees and/or vegetation surrounding and within the SUBJECT LOCATION and said negligent, careless and reckless acts or failures to act created said dangerous and defective conditions of said properties which legally caused the SUBJECT INCIDENT and the

injuries and damages to Claimants as herein alleged.

Claimants are informed and believe and thereon allege that Respondents knew, or in the exercise of ordinary care, should have known of the dangerous conditions present at the SUBJECT LOCATION, and each of them, had sufficient time, resources and funds available prior to the SUBJECT INCIDENT to have taken measures to protect against the dangerous conditions, correct the dangerous conditions, and/or warn visitors, including Claimants, of said dangerous conditions. Nonetheless, said Respondents, and each of them, failed to properly maintain the SUBJECT LOCATION, and particularly, the SUBJECT TREE, as well as the trees and/or vegetation surrounding and within the SUBJECT LOCATION, so as to minimize the risk of injury and damages to reasonably careful individuals and/or correct the dangerous conditions. This failure to correct and/or alleviate such dangerous condition proximately caused and/or contributed to the injuries and damages sustained by Claimants.

As a legal, direct and proximate cause of the aforementioned conduct of Respondents, Lamar McGlothurn was killed and his parents suffered extreme emotional distress as a result of witnessing their son's death. Claimants' damages occurred as a direct and proximate result of the dangerous condition, negligence, and failure to warn of the dangerous condition, and unlawful conduct of the Respondents, and each of them.

Further, Lamar McGlothurn suffered pre-death pain and suffering pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Sec. 377.34.

7. Reservation of right to amend and/or supplement claim: Claimants reserve the right to amend and/or supplement this Claim for Damages, including asserting new theories of liability or causes of action, upon discovery of new or additional information or facts. Claimants reserves the right to supplement or amend these claims as discovery proceeds in this matter.

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