

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO PRESENT A LATE CLAIM

Government Code §§ 911.4 and 911.6 - County of Kern

Claimant	Michael C. McCracken
Public Entity	County of Kern / Kern County Department of Child Support Services (DCSS)
Presentation Date	August 20, 2026
Requested Action	Grant leave to present the attached Government Claim to the extent any portion is determined to have been presented outside the time stated in Government Code § 911.2. Claimant does not concede that any claim or portion is untimely.

APPLICATION

1. Claimant Michael C. McCracken applies under Government Code § 911.4 for leave to present the attached proposed Claim Against the County of Kern to the extent the County contends that any portion of the claim was not presented within the time stated in Government Code § 911.2. The proposed claim is attached to and incorporated into this application.

2. This application is made in the alternative and is not an admission or concession concerning accrual, timeliness, delayed discovery, continuing injury, continuing consequences, or any other limitations issue. The claim concerns repeated and related County/DCSS actions occurring over an extended period, including certifications, recertifications, releases, accounting and reporting activity, and resulting licensing and financial consequences.

3. The County/DCSS conduct at issue includes repeated Family Code § 17520 certified-list activity that resulted in Department of Real Estate (DRE) and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) enforcement notices, processing fees, professional-license consequences, driver-license enforcement proceedings, financial and credit consequences, and repeated efforts by Claimant to obtain the controlling order, accounting, compliance calculation, certification basis, and release history.

4. To the extent any portion of the claim is found late, the failure to present it earlier resulted from mistake, inadvertence, surprise, and excusable neglect within Government Code § 911.6(b)(1). During the relevant period, Claimant was simultaneously handling repeated family-law hearings and emergency ex parte proceedings, investigating and responding to recurring DCSS/DRE/DMV enforcement actions, caring for his father who was receiving hospice care and experienced serious hospitalization, and personally experiencing a documented acute illness requiring repeated medical treatment in late July 2026.

5. The repeated nature of the agency actions made the scope and finality of the injury difficult to determine. Releases were followed by later certifications or new enforcement activity, and Claimant was attempting to obtain underlying ledgers, orders, notice records, compliance calculations, and release documentation while consequences were continuing.

6. Claimant acted promptly after learning that a separate Government Claims Act presentation was required for California-law money-damages claims against the County and that a § 911.4 application should be presented in the alternative for any portion the County may consider late.

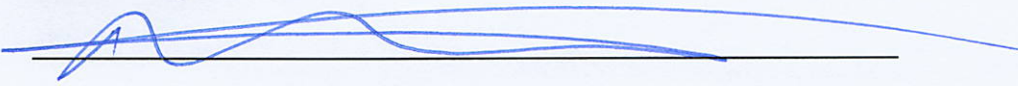
7. The County will not be prejudiced in investigating or defending the claim. Kern County DCSS possesses or controls the relevant case records, ledgers, certified-list submissions, release records,

employee notes, complaint and review records, correspondence, credit-reporting data furnished by the agency, and communications with DRE and DMV. The core events were generated by or communicated through County systems and personnel.

8. Claimant therefore requests that the Board grant this application and deem the attached claim presented. Claimant further requests written notice of the Board's action at the mailing and email addresses stated in the proposed claim.

Public-record/privacy notice: No confidential medical records are attached to this public claim packet. Claimant will provide supporting medical or other confidential records through an appropriate nonpublic process if requested.

Dated: August 20, 2026


Michael C. McCracken, Claimant

BY ORDER OF THE BD/SUPV

Referred To County Counsel
9 pages

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Date 8.20.26
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By Michelle Frazer, Deputy