



Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Author and title: Nicole Casey, Administrative Services Director

Title: **Claim for Damages against the Town of Truckee**

Jen Callaway, Town Manager

Recommended Action: That Council rejects the claim for damages against the Town of Truckee.

Discussion: On Friday, March 21, 2025, the Town of Truckee received an email notification of a claim for damages from Kazan Law on behalf of the heirs of George J. Arsenith. The claimants alleged damages in excess of \$180,000,000.

Town Municipal Code Section 3.16.010.1 (d) requires that the Town Council recommend settlement or denial for claims of \$10,000 or more.

The Town submitted this claim to the Town's claims management company, George Hills, for review. The Town's claims administrator via George Hills and Town Attorney reviewed this claim, and based on this review, staff are recommending rejection of this claim.

Alleged damages are related to potential exposure to asbestos that Mr. Arsenith may have incurred while working on a project in Truckee in 1975, among other projects and exposures not in Truckee, that may have contributed to his death from mesothelioma in January of 2025.

Priority:

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Enhanced Communication
Infrastructure Investment

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Climate and Greenhouse Gas Reduction
Emergency and Wildfire Preparedness

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Housing
Core Service

Fiscal Impact: Potential litigation costs if claimant pursues further legal action.

Public Communication: N/A

Attachments: Claim for damages