

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RIGOBERTO GIRON GRANDE, *Applicant*

vs.

**PADILLA'S COMPANY, INC.; STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND,
*Defendants***

**Adjudication Number: ADJ14164016
Van Nuys District Office**

**OPINION AND DECISION
AFTER RECONSIDERATION**

We previously granted reconsideration to allow us time to further study the factual and legal issues in this case. This is our Opinion and Decision After Reconsideration.¹

Applicant seeks reconsideration of the Findings of Fact and Orders (F&O) issued on October 7, 2022. In the F&O, the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) found that applicant did not sustain an industrial injury arising out of or in the course of his employment to his neck, arms, and knees during the period from 1998 to July 3, 2019. The WCJ ordered that applicant take nothing.

We have received an Answer from defendant. The WCJ filed a Report and Recommendation on Petition for Reconsideration (Report) recommending we deny reconsideration.

On June 24, 2026, the parties confirmed that they reached a proposed settlement.

In order to expedite review of the parties' settlement, we will rescind the October 7, 2022. F&O, and return this matter to the WCJ to consider the settlement. The WCJ may conduct further proceedings as appropriate.

Our decision does not constitute a ruling on the merits of the Petition for Reconsideration. If the WCJ does not approve the settlement, the WCJ can issue a new decision or an order reinstating their original decision, and any aggrieved person may timely seek reconsideration.

¹ Commissioner Sweeney was on the panel that issued the order granting reconsideration. Commissioner Sweeney no longer serves on the Appeals Board. A new panel member has been appointed in her place.

Finally, we commend the parties for successfully resolving this matter by joint agreement, without the need for further action by the Appeals Board.

Accordingly, as our Decision After Reconsideration, we rescind the October 7, 2022, Findings of Fact and Orders and return the matter to the WCJ for further proceedings consistent with this decision. When the WCJ issues a new decision, any aggrieved person may timely seek reconsideration.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, that the October 7, 2022, Findings of Fact and Orders is **RESCINDED** and this matter is **RETURNED** to the trial level for further proceedings and decision by the WCJ.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER

/s/ KATHERINE WILLIAMS DODD, COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

July 14, 2026

SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.

**RIGOBERTO GIRON GRANDE
EQUITABLE LAW FIRM, APLC
STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND**

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I certify that I affixed the official seal of the
Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to this
original decision on this date. *abs*