

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

GLORIA HUGHES, *Applicant*

vs.

**MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, permissibly self-insured,
administered by ATHENS ADMINISTRATORS, *Defendants***

**Adjudication Numbers: ADJ16560129, ADJ16560128
San Francisco District Office**

**OPINION AND ORDER
GRANTING PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION
AND DECISION AFTER RECONSIDERATION**

We have considered the allegations of defendant's Petition for Removal and the contents of the Report of the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) with respect thereto. Based on our review of the record, we will treat the Petition as one seeking reconsideration rather than removal.

The Appeals Board has been advised that, while this matter has been pending on reconsideration, a proposed settlement has been reached. Therefore, the Appeals Board will grant the Petition for Reconsideration, rescind the decision from which reconsideration is sought, and return this matter to the trial level for the WCJ to consider the proposed settlement. If the WCJ does not approve the settlement, the WCJ may issue an order reinstating the original decision and either party may timely challenge the reinstated decision by appropriate petition.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Reconsideration is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the WCJ's decision dated August 26, 2025 is **RESCINDED** and this matter is **RETURNED** to the trial level for further proceedings and decision by the WCJ.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR

I CONCUR,

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER

/s/ PAUL F. KELLY, COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

November 25, 2025

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

**GLORIA HUGHES
LAW OFFICES OF J.C. SARMIENTO
THE LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD K. GREEN**

JL/abs

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