# WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NANCY VARGAS, Applicant

VS.

## SUBSEQUENT INJURIES BENEFITS TRUST FUND, Defendant

Adjudication Numbers: ADJ11362885 Santa Barbara District Office

# OPINION AND DECISION AFTER REMITTITUR

The following Opinion and Decision After Remittitur is issued pursuant to the remittitur to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, filed on September 24, 2024, by the Second District Court of Appeal, Division 6 (Court), in which the Court certified that its decision of July 15, 2024, has become final.

The Court affirmed the Opinion and Order Denying Petition for Reconsideration issued by the Appeals Board on October 20, 2023. The Court further issued an award of costs to respondent Nancy Vargas. On August 28, 2024, the Appeals Board mailed a letter to the parties requesting that the parties either provide a stipulation as to costs, or provide briefing with an itemization of costs. In the letter, the Appeals Board advised the parties that absent a stipulation or an itemization filed within 30 days, costs would not be awarded.

The parties did not respond.

Accordingly, as our Decision After Remittitur, we will issue orders denying an award of costs and returning this matter to the trial level for further proceedings.

For the foregoing reasons,

**IT IS ORDERED** as the Decision After Remittitur of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that an award of costs is **DENIED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this matter is **RETURNED** to the trial level for further proceedings.

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

# /s/ CRAIG SNELLINGS, COMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR

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# /s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER

## DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

**January 9, 2025** 

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

NANCY VARGAS GHITTERMAN, GHITTERMAN & FELD OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR – LEGAL UNIT

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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. o.o