

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

GREGG BRIGGS, *Applicant*

vs.

SUBSEQUENT INJURIES BENEFITS TRUST FUND, *Defendant*

**Adjudication Number: ADJ3929187 (ANA 0403308)
Oakland District Office**

**OPINION AND DECISION
AFTER RECONSIDERATION**

Applicant seeks reconsideration of the December 16, 2021 Findings and Order issued by a workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ). Therein, the WCJ found that applicant sustained injury arising out of and in the course of employment to head, neck, spine, back, shoulders, hips, upper extremities, lower extremities, hearing loss, chest, gastritis, dyspepsia, internal systems, headaches, and post-traumatic head syndrome, but that his claim for Subsequent Injuries Benefits Trust Fund (SIBTF) benefits is barred by the statute of limitations.

The WCJ prepared a Report and Recommendation on Petition for Reconsideration recommending that the Petition be denied.

Thereafter, we issued an order granting the Petition for Reconsideration, pending further review of the entire record.¹

Subsequently, the parties agreed to participate in our voluntary mediation program to discuss the issues raised. On June 11, 2026, the parties confirmed that a proposed settlement by Compromise and Release had been reached.

In order to expedite review of the parties' settlement, we will rescind the December 16, 2021 Findings and Order, and return this matter to the WCJ to consider the settlement. The WCJ may conduct further proceedings as appropriate.

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 substituted in her place.

Our decision should not be construed as 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.

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 December 16, 2021 Findings and Order 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 Findings and Order of December 16, 2021 is **RESCINDED** and that this matter is **RETURNED** to the WCJ for further proceedings consistent with this decision.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ KATHERINE WILLIAMS DODD, COMMISSIONER

/s/ ANNE SCHMITZ, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

JUNE 30, 2026

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

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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.
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