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**SB-939 Claims against the state: appropriation.** (2017-2018)

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**Senate Bill No. 939**

**CHAPTER 508**

An act relating to the payment of claims against the state, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 939, Portantino. Claims against the state: appropriation.

Existing law requires the Attorney General, when there is not a sufficient appropriation for the payment of certain claims, settlements, or judgments, to report the claims, settlements, and judgments to the chairperson of either the Senate Committee on Appropriations or the Assembly Committee on Appropriations, who is then required to cause introduction of legislation appropriating necessary funds for payment.

This bill would appropriate \$813,000 from the General Fund and \$5,420,541.90 from the Motor Vehicle Account within the State Transportation Fund to the Attorney General to pay the settlement in specified cases.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: yes Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** (a) The sum of eight hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$813,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Attorney General to be allocated in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) The sum of three hundred twenty-one thousand dollars (\$321,000) to pay the settlement in Valerie Thompson v. California State Rivers and Mountains (Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC649436).

(2) The sum of four hundred ninety-two thousand dollars (\$492,000) to pay the settlement in Suction Dredge Mining Cases (Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, Coord. Case No. JCCP4720).

(b) The sum of five million four hundred twenty thousand five hundred forty-one dollars and ninety cents (\$5,420,541.90) is hereby appropriated from the Motor Vehicle Account within the State Transportation Fund to the Attorney General to pay the settlement in Woosley v. State of California (Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. CA000499).

(c) Any funds appropriated in excess of the amounts actually required for the payment of these claims shall revert to the General Fund or the Motor Vehicle Account, as applicable, within 45 days after final payment is made.

**SEC. 2.** This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to pay judgment and settlement claims against the state and end hardship to claimants as quickly as possible, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.