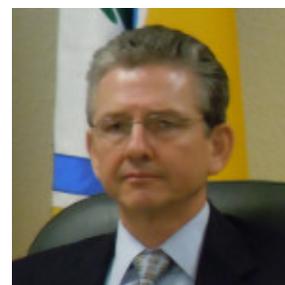


EDC denies settlement with Santiago, Briggs

By Kathryn Reed

Norma Santiago and Ron Briggs, the former El Dorado County supervisors who think they should have been paid more when they were in office, could not reach an agreement this week with their former employer.



Ron Briggs



Norma Santiago

The Board of Supervisors in closed session on Jan. 26 turned down their settlement offer.

The former electeds believe they are owed cost of living adjustments and money for not taking time off as a manager, which individually could equate to nearly \$100,000.

The county's stance is that per the state Constitution a salary increase for the board must be done by ordinance. This never happened.

Santiago and Briggs have combined their cases into one, with both using the same attorney. Both left office in January 2015.

The county is being represented by outside counsel.

Judges in El Dorado County have recused themselves, so Judge Charles Wachob in Placer County has been assigned the case.

Both sides have February and March deadlines to file necessary documents, with a hearing set for May 13.