

# Claim filed by Group W

Group W Cable — which is suing the city and county of Santa Cruz — has filed a \$30 million claim against those two agencies.

In the claim filed with the city and county, Group W alleges it will suffer a loss of good will and profits because the city and county refused to renew its franchise.

Group W filed suit against the city and county in November, but had not filed a claim until last week. Although such claims are routinely denied by the City Council and Board of Supervisors, the law requires they be submitted before the lawsuit can be considered.

Group W Cable has argued its franchise-renewal rights are protected by federal law, but the city and county refused the franchise renewal.

Instead, they have opened up the cable franchise to bidding and four proposals have been submitted, including one from Group W.

Those proposals are now being evaluated by an attorney hired by the city and county.