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Lovella Sullivan, Victor Valley Community Hospital spokeswoman



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Hospital lays off 26

California owes Victor Valley Community Hospital \$2.5 million

VICTORVILLE • Victor Valley Community Hospital laid off 26 employees this week, about 5 percent of its work force, a spokeswoman for the medical facility said.

The hospital laid the blame for the work-force reduction on the state, saying it failed to reimburse it for medical costs.

The amount of the reimbursements owed to the hospital by the state is in excess of \$2.5 million, spokeswoman Lovella Sullivan said.



Investigation of Victorville heats up

Feds tell city to stop destroying documents, subpoena three officials

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VICTORVILLE • The Securities and Exchange Commission has ordered the city not to destroy or alter any records as the federal agency's investigation into Victorville's bond offerings moves forward.

The SEC also issued subpoenas for three Victorville officials to answer questions under oath related to those bonds. As of Wednesday evening, spokeswoman Monica Petersen said they were still waiting on word from the city's personnel attorney as to whether they could release the names of those who were sent notices of deposition, concerned "it could be seen as stigmatizing."

The law enforcement agency sent its first subpoena to City Hall in mid-August, giving Victorville until Aug. 20 to provide a slew of documents related to its roughly \$480 million in bond offerings. While some documents were sent by that day, city officials said they had to request more time to fully comply.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. • President Barack Obama convened the first direct Israeli-Palestinian talks in two years Wednesday, challenging Mideast leaders to seize a fleeting opportunity to settle their