

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CITIES SELF INSURANCE FUND
MINUTES OF NCCSIF SPECIAL CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Lee, City of Lincoln
Catrina Olson, City of Nevada City
Liz Ehrenstrom, City of Oroville
Russell Hildebrand, City of Rocklin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shari Conley, City of Auburn
Karin Helvey, City of Gridley

CONSULTANTS: Michael Simons, Alliant Insurance Services
Susan Adams, Alliant Insurance Services
Johnny Yang, Alliant Insurance Services
Carolee Kilduff, Angelo Kilday & Kilduff
Tom Baber, York Risk Services Group, Inc.
Ben Burg, York Risk Services Group, Inc.
Lela Casey, York Risk Services Group, Inc.
Bernard Sarmiento, York Risk Services Group, Inc.
Jennifer Nogosek, York Risk Services Group, Inc.

A. Call to Order

The Claims Committee was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

B. Public Comment

There were no public comments made.

C. Draft NCCSIF Claims Committee Minutes for Approval

1. 05/09/13 Claims Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)
2. 07/24/13 Claims Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)
3. 09/04/13 Claims Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)

A motion was made to approve the NCCSIF Claims Committee Minutes.

MOTION: Russell Hildebrand SECOND: John Lee MOTION CARRIED

D. Approval of Counsel Selection – P&P A-9

D1. Addition of NCCSIF Defense Attorney List (Stephanie Quinn)

Ms. Jennifer Nogosek advised that Ms. Stephanie Quinn has been recommended to be added to the NCCSIF Defense Attorney List by Mr. Bruce Cline, City of Folsom. Ms. Quinn specializes in personal injury, property damage, and employment matters.

A motion was made to approve the addition of Stephanie Quinn to the NCCSIF Defense Attorney List.

MOTION: SECOND: MOTION CARRIED

D2. Approval of NCCSIF Defense Attorney List (Scott Smith)

Ms. Nogosek explained that Mr. Scott Smith has left Angelo Kilday & Kilduff and is interested in being retained as an NCCSIF Defense Attorney in assistance to Defense Attorney Douglas Thorne.

Mr. Tom Baber advised that he believes that it makes sense to approve retaining Mr. Smith being retained to assist Mr. Douglas Thorne for the two remaining cases and that he will need to be recommended to be added back onto the NCCSIF Defense Attorney List. At the time York would like to have the list updated to reflect that Mr. Smith is no longer with Angelo, Kilday and Kilduff.

A motion was made to update the Defense Attorney List to remove Mr. Scott Smith. His services will be retained for the two cases for which he is currently assisting Defense Attorney Douglas Thorne with.

Motion: Catrina Olson SECOND: Russell Hildebrand MOTION CARRIED

D3. Defense Attorney James A. Wyatt Rate Increase

Ms. Nogosek advised that the NCCSIF Liability Defense Attorney Law Firm of James A. Wyatt has requested a rate increase in keeping with increasing costs of operating a law firm. A fee of \$160 per hour will still be less than the hourly fee of those received from other public entity clients and substantially less than the hourly fee charge for other insurance defense work.

A motion was made to approve Rate Increase request for Defense Attorney James A. Wyatt.

MOTION: Russell Hildebrand SECOND: Catrina Olson MOTION CARRIED

D4. Update on Defense Attorney Douglas Thorne

Ms. Nogosek advised that currently Mr. Douglas Thorne has been using Shawn Millar to perform "leg work" on his current cases.

Ms. Adams advised that she and Ms. Liz Ehrenstrom have met with Mr. Thorne and wrote a letter addressing their concerns.

- E. Closed Session – The Claims Committee went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.95 at 10:10 a.m. and discussed the following claims:**

Liability

1. Banks vs. City of Rocklin

Workers' Compensation

1. Bryant vs. Town of Paradise
2. Cheney vs. City of Yuba City
3. Gray vs. City of Folsom
4. Bambino vs. City of Folsom

The Committee came out of closed session at 10:34 a.m.

- D. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.**