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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CITIES SELF INSURANCE FUND CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

DATE/TIME: Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Zoom Teleconference
Call-in Number: (669)900-6833
Meeting ID: 963 6892 5603
Passcode: 022361

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Zoom Link:

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1. City of Dixon – 600 E A St. Dixon, CA 95620
2. City of Elk Grove- 8401 Laguna Palms Way Elk Grove, CA 95758
3. City of Folsom- 50 Natoma St. Folsom, CA 95630
4. City of Galt – 380 Civic Dr, Galt, CA 95632
5. City of Gridley- 685 Kentucky St. Gridley, CA 95948
6. City of Yuba City – 1201 Civic Center Boulevard Yuba City, CA 95993

MISSION STATEMENT

The Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund, or NCCSIF, is an association of municipalities joined to protect member resources by stabilizing risk costs in a reliable, economical and beneficial manner while providing members with broad coverage and quality services in risk management and claims management.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Committee on matters pertaining to NCCSIF that are of interest to them.

pg. 3 **D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine with no separate discussion necessary. Any member of the public or the Committee may request any item to be considered separately.

pg. 4 1. Claims Committee Meeting Minutes - May 25, 2023



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pg. 7 **E. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING CLAIMS** **A 3**
(Per Governmental Code Section 54956.95)

***REQUESTING AUTHORITY**

Workers’ Compensation:

- 1. 2296610125; 2296610343; 2296610353; 2096610073 v. City of Elk Grove
- 2. NCWA-557695 v. City of Anderson

Liability

- 1. O’Neel v. City of Folsom
- 2. Magde v. City of Red Bluff

F. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION **I 4**

The Committee will announce any reportable action taken in closed session.

pg. 8 **G. Addition To Workers’ Compensation Defense Attorney List –**
The Committee will be asked to approve adding Richard Gilbert of Lenahan, Slater, Pearse & Majernik to the approved Work Comp attorney list.

pg. 12 **H. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION** **I 4**
The floor will be open to Committee members for any topics or ideas that members would like to address.

I. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Board of Directors Meeting - October 19, 2023
- Risk Management Committee Meeting – October 19, 2023
- Police Risk Management Committee Meeting - November 2, 2023

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Agenda Item D.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION ITEM

ISSUE: The Committee reviews items on the Consent Calendar, and if any item requires clarification or discussion a Member should ask that it be removed for separate action. The Committee should then consider action to approve the Consent Calendar excluding those items removed. Any items removed from the Consent Calendar will be placed later on the agenda in an order determined by the Chair.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of the Consent Calendar after review by the Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

BACKGROUND: Routine items that generally do not require discussion are regularly placed on the Consent Calendar for approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Claims Committee Meeting Minutes - May 25, 2023



**MINUTES OF THE
NCCSIF CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING
ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
MAY 25, 2023**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristina Miller, City of Corning
Rachel Ancheta, City of Dixon
Andrew Schiltz, City of Rocklin
Jennifer Styczynski, City of Marysville

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Spencer Morrison, City of Yuba City

CONSULTANTS & GUESTS

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|--|------------------------------|
| Marcus Beverly, Alliant Insurance Services | Dorienne Zumwalt, Sedgwick |
| Jenna Wirkner, Alliant Insurance Services | Summer Simpson, Sedgwick |
| Evan Washburn, Alliant Insurance Services | Kristin Echeverria, Sedgwick |

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rachel Ancheta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a. m. A roll call was made, and the above-mentioned members were present constituting a quorum.

B. ROLL CALL

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. Consent Calendar

1. Claims Committee Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2023
2. Claims Committee Special Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.

Motion: Jennifer Styczynski **Second:** Andrew Schiltz **Motion Carried**
Ayes: Miller, Ancheta, Schiltz, Styczynski
Nays: None

E. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95, the Committee recessed to closed session at 9: 55 a.m.to discuss the following claims:

Liability

1. Douglas and Dolores Fleck v. City of Rio Vista
2. Carolyn Aschenbrener v. City of Rocklin



Workers' Compensation

1. 4021049CB68-0001 v. City of Corning
2. 24756850001 v. City of Red Bluff
3. NCWA-557935 v. City of Lincoln

F. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Committee reconvened to open session at 9:55a.m.

Chair Rachel Ancheta indicated that Committee met and provided direction on the above claims, but no reportable action was taken.

G. Workers' Compensation Approved Counsel List Review and Rate Changes

The Committee reviewed the recently revised list of Workers' Compensation defense counsel and the changes made. LWP might have suggestions on other attorneys to work with once they complete transfer of claims administration.

A motion was made to recommend the workers' compensation approved counsel list and rate changes to the Executive Committee.

Motion: Kristina Miller **Second:** Jennifer Styczynski **Motion Carried**
Ayes: Miller, Ancheta, Schiltz, Styczynski
Nays: None

G.2. Liability Counsel List Review and Addition of Prentice Long

Mr. Beverly reviewed the Liability Counsel List changes and addition of Prentice Long.

A motion was made to approve the liability approved counsel list and rate changes.

Motion: Kristina Miller **Second:** Andy Schiltz **Motion Carried**
Ayes: Miller, Ancheta, Schiltz, Styczynski
Nays: None

F. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

None.



G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Styczynski, Secretary

Date



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Agenda Item E.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING CLAIMS

(Per Governmental Code Section 54956.95)

ACTION ITEM

ISSUE: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95, the Committee will hold a Closed Session to discuss the following claims:

***REQUESTING AUTHORITY**

Workers Compensation:

1. 2296610125; 2296610343; 2296610353; 2096610073 v. City of Elk Grove
2. NCWA-557695 v. City of Anderson

Liability

1. O'Neel v. City of Folsom
2. Magde v. City of Red Bluff

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

RECOMMENDATION: The Program Manager cannot make a recommendation at this time, as the subject matter is confidential.

BACKGROUND: Confidential.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.



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Agenda Item G.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COUNSEL ADDITION OF RICHARD GILBERT

INFORMATION ITEM

ISSUE: The Committee reviews the list of approved Workers' Compensation counsel as needed to keep the panel accurate and up to date. Firms that are not being used regularly are reviewed to determine if there is still a need, and those that are being used are reviewed for feedback as well.

The Program Administrators have received a request to add Richard Gilbert of Lenahan, Slater, Pearse & Majernik to the approved Workers' Compensation attorney list. He is a member of a major firm on the list and was requested by LWP for inclusion.

RECOMMENDATION: Review, discuss and provide direction as needed.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: The Claims Committee regularly reviews and recommends changes to the Approved List of attorneys based on feedback from members and the claims administrator.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Richard Gilbert Bio
2. Policy and Procedure A-9: Attachment B Defense Attorney List for Workers' Compensation



RICHARD K. GILBERT

Associate Attorney

Mr. Gilbert was born in Tokyo, Japan, where he lived for twelve years. He then moved to Utah and eventually attended Brigham Young University, graduating in 2002 with a B.A. in International Politics. Mr. Gilbert then moved to California and worked as a Khmer (Cambodian) language court interpreter in state and federal courts.

In 2005, Mr. Gilbert moved to Sacramento to attend the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, where he graduated With Great Distinction and was elected to the Order of the Coif. While in law school, Mr. Gilbert was also a member of the McGeorge Law Review and participated in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court team.

Mr. Gilbert began his law career as a transactional attorney but eventually transitioned to workers' compensation defense, which he has been practicing since 2014. He has represented a wide variety of clients including public entities, self-insured employers and insurance carriers. He has also successfully defended Labor Code 132a and serious and willful claims.

In addition to fluency in Khmer and a basic knowledge of Japanese, Mr. Gilbert is also semi-fluent in Thai. Outside of work he enjoys skiing, mountain biking and spending time with his friends and family.



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**ATTACHMENT B - WORKERS' COMPENSATION
Approved List of Counsel**

| Name of Law Firm | Attorneys |
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| Hanna, Brophy, et al P.O. Box 255267 Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 929-9411 | |
| Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi LLP 250 Hemsted Drive, Suite 300 Redding, CA 96002 (530) 222-0268 | |
| Hanna, Brophy, et al P.O. Box 491720 Redding, CA 96049 | |
| Lenahan, Lee, Slater, & Pearse, LLP 2542 River Plaza Drive Sacramento, CA 95833 (916) 443-1030 | Yolanda S.G. Tuckerman Christine M. Green Colin S. Connor Ira Clary Charles S. Templeton Joel E. Kautz Adam Ambraozy (subrogation only) Courtney Aldrich Reed Wickham Tiffany Cornoa Mondana Koschfam Richard Gilbert |
| Mullen & Filippi 1335 Buenaventura Blvd #106 Redding, CA 96001 (530) 243-1133 | |
| Matthew Brueckner Law Firm 608 29 th Street Sacramento, CA 95816 (916)448-8816 | Matthew Brueckner |

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**ATTACHMENT B - WORKERS' COMPENSATION
Approved List of Counsel**

| Name of Law Firm | Attorneys |
|--|---|
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Agenda Item H.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

INFORMATION ITEM

ISSUE: The floor will be open to the Committee for discussion.

RECOMMENDATION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

BACKGROUND: The item is to the Claims Committee members for any topics or ideas that members would like to address.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.