



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CITIES SELF INSURANCE FUND
CLAIMS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM
APRIL 16, 2020**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristine Haile, City of Folsom (**Chair**)
Liz Ehrenstrom, City of Oroville
Gina Will, Town of Paradise
Tim Sailsbery, City of Willows

CONSULTANTS & GUESTS

Marcus Beverly, Alliant Insurance Services	Jill Petrarca, Sedgwick
Raychelle Maranan, Alliant Insurance Services	Steven Scott, Sedgwick
Jenna Wirkner, Alliant Insurance Services	Dorienne Zumwalt, Sedgwick

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and the above mentioned members were present constituting a quorum.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED

A motion was made to approve the Agenda as posted.

MOTION: Tim Sailsbery	SECOND: Gina Will	MOTION CARRIED
Ayes: Ehrenstrom, Sailsbery, Will, Haile		

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

E. CONSET CALENDAR

1. Claims Committee Meeting Minutes - September 26, 2019
2. Claims Committee Special Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2019
3. Claims Committee Special Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2019
4. Claims Committee Special Meeting Minutes - January 15, 2020
5. Claims Committee Special Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2020

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

MOTION: Liz Ehrenstrom	SECOND: Tim Sailsbery	MOTION CARRIED
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F. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95, the Committee recessed to closed session at 2:15 p.m. to discuss the following claims:Liability:

1. Melesio-Molina v. City of Colusa
2. Martinez v. City of Yuba City
3. Konrad v. City of Auburn
4. Corbett v. City of Galt

Workers' Compensation:

1. NCWA-556569 v. City of Rocklin NCWA-555940 v. City of Rocklin
2. NCWA- 556600 v. City of Elk Grove
3. NCWA- 558202 v. City of Yuba City

G. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The meeting resumed to open session at 3:04p.m. The Chair announced that the committee met and provided direction but there were no reportable actions at this time.

H. FY/20 LIABILITY PROGRAM CLAIM AUDITS AND SEDGWICK RESPONSES

H.1. RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES-FOR NORCAL CITIES SIF

Marcus Beverly discussed the Liability Program Claim Audit conducted for NorCal Cities. The auditor reviewed 60 open and 20 closed claims. Some of the reserves were reviewed for adjustment. Doing well with litigation and working with attorneys. Overall a good audit. Jill Pertraca provided Sedgwick response and in agreement with audit. No comments or questions from the Committee.

A motion was made to accept and file the audit and Sedgwick's response.

MOTION: Liz Erenstrom **SECOND:** Gina Will **MOTION CARRIED**
Ayes: Ehrenstrom, Sailsbery, Will, Haile

H.2 RISKY BUSINESS PROS-FOR CJPRMA

Marcus Beverly reviewed the Audit that was done March 2020 for CJPRMA. He noted the group has been doing well losswise compared to other groups. Ten files were reviewed, none on the excess watch list. Overall a good audit and overall exposure is lower than in past audits. Auditor commented that legal reserves on some files too high because they were reserving for the costs through trial. Marcus discussed with the TPA and all agreed to reserve up to point of possible resolution rather than through trial unless trial is more likely than not. This is reflected in Sedgwick's written response to the audit.



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Ayes: Ehrenstrom, Sailsbery, Will, Haile

I. REVISION TO A-9 ATTACHMENT A: LIABILITY COUNSEL LIST

I.1. NEW ADDITION-KRONICK MOSKOV TZ TIEDEMANN & GIRARD

Recommending adding Mona G. Ebrahimi and Olivia R. Clark. Ms. Ebrahimi is the City Attorney for Rio Vista so she is not to work on tort claims for them. Committee asked if this should go to EC or BOD. The policy was changed not long ago to have the CC review and recommend changes to the EC rather than going to the Board.

The committee recommended confirming that there is a policy or process where City Attorneys aren't defending tort claims for the city they represent. Raychelle Maranan discussed Admin policy A-9 that has such a provision and will be noticed to the member. Discussion also held about pros and cons of specifying individual attorneys in a firm rather than the firm as a whole.

A motion was made to recommend to the EC to add Mona G. Ebrahimi and Olivia R. Clark.

MOTION: Tim Sailsberry **SECOND:** Liz Erenstrom. **MOTION CARRIED**
Ayes: Ehrenstrom, Sailsbery, Will, Haile

I.2. NEW ADDITION-LIBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE

Request made by Oroville for an ongoing claim. Members expressed concern about the fees charged by Partners, at \$380 per hour, being higher than the \$250 that is the most currently paid. Lower paid associates are used to do most of the foot work and Oroville will pay the difference in the hourly rate for the partners. Very highly respected firm and attorney.

A motion was made to recommend to the Executive Committee that we add Libert Cassidy Whitmore.

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1.3. FIRM CHANGE-RUBEN ESCOBEDO

Mr. Escobedo has left the approved firm but is still on a particular case. Claims auditor made a comment how well the legal strategy was executed on one of his matters. Recommend continuing to use and keep him on the list.

A motion was made to recommend to the executive committee that

MOTION: Gina Will

SECOND: Liz Ehrenstrom

MOTION CARRIED

Ayes: Ehrenstrom, Sailsbery, Will, Haile

1.4. REVIEW OF LEGAL PANEL LIABILITY

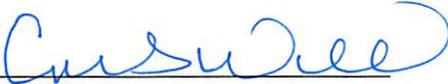
The Committee reviewed the current liability counsel list. Some we haven't used in awhile. Some members like certain attorneys. No harm in adding additional attorneys. If a member has a potential issue with a firm they should be encouraged to provide feedback so any issues can be resolved or the list revised as a result. Also discussed approving the firm or just individuals and desire for a scorecard for attorneys. No action at this time. Information only.

J. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

K. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 3:54p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gina Will, Secretary



Date