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**NCCSIF  
CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA - Revised**

**Date:** Thursday, March 22, 2018  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Rocklin Event Center - Garden Room  
2650 Sunset Blvd.  
Rocklin, CA 95677

- A – Action**
- I – Information**
- 1 – Attached**
- 2 – Hand Out**
- 3 – Separate Cover**
- 4 – Verbal**
- 5 – Previously Mailed**

**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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED** **A 1**
- 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** **A 1**  
*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 - September 28, 2017
  - pg. 7 2. Claims Committee Special Meeting Minutes - December 22, 2017
  - pg. 9 3. Claims Committee Special Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2018
- pg. 11 **E. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING CLAIMS** **A 2**  
(Per Governmental Code Section 54956.95)  
\*REQUESTING AUTHORITY  
  
Workers Compensation:
  - 1. NCWA-556477 vs. City of Elk Grove\*
  - 2. NCWA-556681 vs. City of Galt\*
  - 3. NCWA-162024 vs. City of Marysville\*
  - 4. NCWA-556323 vs. City of Dixon\*



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Liability:

1. Barger-King vs. City of Ione\*
2. Mark III Developers vs. City of Rocklin\*

	<b>F. Report From Closed Session</b>	<b>I 4</b>
	<i>The Committee will announce any reportable action taken in closed session</i>	
pg. 12	<b>G. Approval of NCCSIF Defense Attorney List for Liability</b>	<b>A 1</b>
	<i>The Committee will be asked to approve updates to NCCSIF Liability Defense Attorney List.</i>	
pg. 19	<b>H. Round Table Discussion</b>	<b>I 4</b>
	<i>The floor will be open to Committee members for any topics or ideas that members would like to address.</i>	
	<b>I. ADJOURNMENT</b>	

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Risk Management Committee Meeting - April 26, 2018
- Board of Directors Meeting - April 26, 2018
- Police Risk Management Committee Meeting - May 2, 2018
- Claims Committee Meeting - May 17, 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting - May 17, 2018

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## CONSENT CALENDAR

### ACTION ITEM

**ISSUE:** The Claims 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 - September 28, 2017 (Draft)
2. Claims Committee Special Meeting Minutes - December 22, 2017 (Draft)
3. Claims Committee Special Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2018 (Draft)



**MINUTES OF THE  
NCCSIF CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING  
ROCKLIN EVENT CENTER, ROCKLIN, CA  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Liz Cottrell, City of Anderson  
Liz Ehrenstrom, City of Oroville (**Chair**)  
Dave Warren, City of Placerville  
Natalie Springer, City of Yuba City

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tim Sailsbery, City of Willows

**CONSULTANTS & GUESTS**

Marcus Beverly, Alliant Insurance Services  
Raychelle Maranan, Alliant Insurance Services  
Dori Zumwalt, York Risk Services  
Steven Scott, York Risk Services

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Liz Ehrenstrom called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED**

**A motion was made to approve the Agenda as posted.**

**Motion:** Dave Warren                      **Second:** Liz Cottrell                      **Motion Carried**  
**Ayes:** Cottrell, Ehrenstrom, Warren, Springer

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Claims Committee Meeting Minutes - May 18, 2017
2. Claims Committee Special Meeting Minutes - July 13, 2017

**A motion was made to approve the items in the Consent Calendar as presented.**

**Motion:** Dave Warren                      **Second:** Liz Cottrell                      **Motion Carried**  
**Ayes:** Cottrell, Ehrenstrom, Warren, Springer



## **E. CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95, the Committee recessed to closed session at 2:34 p.m. to discuss the following claims:

### Liability

1. High Sierra Divers vs. City of Auburn
2. Benitez-Padilla vs. City of Yuba City
3. McCoshum, Rogers and Elder vs. City of Yuba City

## **F. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

The Committee reconvened to open session at 2:45 p.m.

Chair Ehrenstrom indicated no formal announcement is necessary as direction was given to the Program and Claims Administrators for the claims referenced above.

## **G. DEFENSE COUNSEL RATE INCREASE**

Mr. Beverly indicated the law firm of Angelo Kilday & Kilduff have successfully handled a lot of cases for the pool and there has not been any rate increase since 2015. Effective September 1, 2017, the new hourly rates for the firm: \$225 for Senior Partners, \$210 for Partners, \$195 for Senior Associates (8 or more years' experience), \$185 for Associates and \$110 for Paralegals/Law Clerks.

**A motion was made to approve the 2017 Fee Schedule for the law firm of Angela Kilday Kilduff as presented.**

**Motion:** Natalie Springer                      **Second:** Liz Cottrell                      **Motion Carried**  
**Ayes:** Cottrell, Ehrenstrom, Warren, Springer

## **H. APPROVAL OF NCCSIF DEFENSE ATTORNEY LIST FOR LIABILITY**

Mr. Marcus Beverly indicated the new City Attorney at City of Rocklin, Steven Rudolph recommended the addition of Maggie Stern from Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann, & Girard to the NCCSIF Approved Counsel List for Liability. The Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann, & Girard is already on the approved counsel list and the firm is recommended for more specialized cases and their rates are higher than those offered by other firms that handle more routine claims. The hourly rates for the firm: \$250 for Shareholders and \$220 for Associates.

**A motion was made to approve the addition of Maggie Stern from Kronick, Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard to the NCCSIF Approved Counsel List for Liability.**

**Motion:** Natalie Springer                      **Second:** Dave Warren                      **Motion Carried**  
**Ayes:** Cottrell, Ehrenstrom, Warren, Springer

**I. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

None.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Astrida Trupovnieks, Secretary

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Date

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**MINUTES OF THE  
NCCSIF CLAIMS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
DECEMBER 22, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Liz Ehrenstrom, City of Oroville (**Chair**)  
Dave Warren, City of Placerville  
Natalie Springer, City of Yuba City

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Liz Cottrell, City of Anderson  
Tim Sailsbery, City Willows

**CONSULTANTS & GUESTS**

Marcus Beverly, Alliant Insurance Services  
Raychelle Maranan, Alliant Insurance Services  
Steven Scott, York Risk Services  
Andrew Fredericksen, York Risk Services

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Liz Ehrenstrom called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was made 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:** Dave Warren                      **Second:** Natalie Springer                      **Motion Carried**  
**Ayes:** Ehrenstrom, Warren, Springer

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**E. CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95, the Committee recessed to closed session at 10:04 a.m. to discuss the following claim:



Workers' Compensation

1. NCWA-79968 vs. City of Oroville

**F. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

The Committee reconvened to open session at 10:08 a.m.

Chair Ehrenstrom indicated that no formal announcement is necessary as direction was given to the Program and Claims Administrators for the claim referenced above.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Astrida Trupovnieks, Secretary

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Date

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**MINUTES OF THE  
NCCSIF CLAIMS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
JANUARY 17, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Liz Cottrell, City of Anderson  
Liz Ehrenstrom, City of Oroville (**Chair**)  
Dave Warren, City of Placerville  
Tim Sailsbery, City of Willows

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Natalie Springer, City of Yuba City

**CONSULTANTS & GUESTS**

Marcus Beverly, Alliant Insurance Services	Cameron Dewey, York Risk Services
Raychelle Maranan, Alliant Insurance Services	Dori Zumwalt, York Risk Services

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Liz Ehrenstrom called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was made 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:** Dave Warren                      **Second:** Tim Sailsbery  
**Ayes:** Cottrell, Ehrenstrom, Warren, Sailsbery

**Motion Carried**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**E. CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95, the Committee recessed to closed session at 2:35 p.m. to discuss the following claim:



Liability

1. Perez-Chavez vs. City of Rocklin

**F. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

The Committee reconvened to open session at 2:49 p.m.

Chair Ehrenstrom indicated that no formal announcement is necessary as direction was given to the Program and Claims Administrators for the claim referenced above.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

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Astrida Trupovnieks, Secretary

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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:

Workers' Compensation:

1. NCWA-556477 vs. City of Elk Grove\*
2. NCWA-556681 vs. City of Galt\*
3. NCWA-162024 vs. City of Marysville\*
4. NCWA-556323 vs. City of Dixon\*

Liability:

1. Barger-King vs. City of Ione\*
2. Mark III Developers vs. City of Rocklin\*

\*REQUESTING AUTHORITY

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Unknown.

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

**BACKGROUND:** Confidential.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.



**Agenda Item F.**

**APPROVAL OF NCCSIF DEFENSE ATTORNEY LIST  
FOR LIABILITY**

**ACTION ITEM**

**ISSUE:** Cameron Dewey from York Risk Services, Third Party Claims Administrator is recommending the addition of Lia Juhl from the law firm of Peters, Habib, McKenna, Juhl-Rhodes & Cardoza, LLP to the Liability Counsel Approved List. Hourly rates for the firm: Partner \$160.00 and Paralegal \$90.00.

Additionally, the TPA is recommending removal of two attorney firms that are no longer used for NCCSIF matters: Dennis Halsey has since retired and Douglas Thorn as he is now a plaintiff attorney. These changes are reflected in the redline version of the Policy and Procedure #A-9: Attachment A Defense Attorney List for Liability.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve as requested and recommend to the Executive Committee.

**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. Lia Juhl Bio
2. Policy and Procedure A-9: Attachment A Defense Attorney List for Liability (red-line version)

## LIA M. JUHL-RHODES



### Partner

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Ms. Juhl-Rhodes is a Chico native and a partner in the firm of Peters, Habib, McKenna, Juhl-Rhodes & Cardoza, LLP. Ms. Juhl-Rhodes' work with the firm includes real property litigation, public entity and public utility law, eminent domain, personal injury (plaintiff and defense) cases, contract litigation, insurance law, municipal code enforcement proceedings, appellate litigation for municipal code violations, construction defect cases, mobile home and recreational vehicle park law, and appellate/writ practice.

Ms. Juhl-Rhodes has years of experience in agriculture, including work in almond, walnut, kiwi and Asian pear orchards. She also has extensive experience in the brewing industry and residential and commercial construction businesses, handling human resources, water issues, city, state and federal compliance, environmental law, sustainability, alcoholic beverage compliance, and land use and development of both commercial and residential projects.

In her work for the firm, Ms. Juhl-Rhodes has represented corporate and public entity clients including City of Chico, Town of Paradise, City of Oroville, Chico Auto Finance, Inc. and Union Pacific Railroad Company.

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### Practice Areas

Real Estate

Personal Injury

Wrongful Death

Contract Litigation  
Public Entity Liability Law  
Agriculture Law  
Municipal Code Prosecution  
Premises Liability  
Insurance Law

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## Bar Admission

California State Bar  
United States District Court, Eastern District of California

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## Education

Cal Northern School of Law, Chico, J.D.  
University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A.

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## Memberships and Associations

Butte County Bar Association  
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**NCCSIF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY & PROCEDURE #A-9**

**ATTACHMENT A - LIABILITY  
Approved List of Counsel**

<b>Name of Law Firm</b>	<b>Attorneys</b>	<b>Areas of Expertise</b>
Angelo, Kilday & Kilduff 601 University Avenue, Suite 150 Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 564-6100	Bruce A. Kilday Carolee Kilduff Serena Sanders Carrie McFadden Corri Sarno Kevin Dehoff Amie McTavish	Police Liability, General Liability, Auto, Personnel, Heavy Trial Experience
Ayres & Associates 930 Executive Way, Suite 200 Redding, CA 96002 (530) 229-1340	William Ayres	Dangerous Condition, Auto, General Liability, Environmental Liability
Bertrand, Fox, Elliott et al 2749 Hyde Street San Francisco, CA 94109 (415) 353-0999	Eugene Elliott	
Caulfield Law Firm 1101 Investment Blvd., Suite 120 El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 (916) 933-3200	Rich Caulfield Andrew Caulfield	Same as above, with Construction Defect, Heavy to Medium Trial Experience
Donahue Davies LLP 1 Natoma Street Folsom, CA 95630 (916) 817-2900	Robert E Davies Brian Haydon	
Gregory P. Einhorn 48 Hanover Lane, Suite 2 Chico, CA 95973 (530) 898-0228	Gregory P. Einhorn  <i>Use for Willows as needed</i>	Employment Law, General Liability, Municipal
<del>Dennis Halsey, Esq. Attorney at Law 9 Highland Circle Chico, CA 95926 (530) 345-1976</del>	<del>Dennis Halsey</del>	<del>Dangerous Condition, Police Liability, Auto, General Liability, Medium Train Experience</del>

**NCCSIF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY & PROCEDURE #A-9**

**ATTACHMENT A - LIABILITY  
Approved List of Counsel**

<b>Name of Law Firm</b>	<b>Attorneys</b>	<b>Areas of Expertise</b>
Kronick, Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard 400 Capitol Mall, 27 <sup>th</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	Christopher Onstott Bruce A. Scheidt * Maggie Stern  David W. Tyra	Civil Rights, California Fair Employment and Housing, Tort Claims, California Public Records  Employment Practices
Peters, Habib, McKenna & Juhl-Rhodes & Cardoza, LLP P.O. Box 3509 Chico, CA 95927 (530) 342-3593	Dave Rush Mark Habib Jim McKenna <a href="#">Lia Juhl</a>	Dangerous Condition, Police Liability, General Liability, Auto, Good Trial Experience
Porter Scott P.O. Box 255428 Sacramento, CA 95865 (916) 929-1481 Fax: (916) 927-3706	Nancy Sheehan John Whitefleet Kevin Kreutz Terry Cassidy Carl L. Fessenden Steve Horan Russell Porter	Police, Civil Rights, Dangerous Condition, Inverse Condemnation, Auto, General Liability, Heavy to Light Trial Experience
Matheny Sears Linkert & Jaime, LLP 3638 American River Drive Sacramento, CA 95864 (916) 978-3434 Fax: (916) 978-3430	Matthew Jaime Douglas Sears Richard Linkert Michael Bishop	
The Law Office of Justin N. Tierney 2000 U Street Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 451-3426	Justin N. Tierney	Dangerous Condition, Auto, Medium Trial Experience
The Law Office of James A. Wyatt 2130 Eureka Way Redding, CA 96001 (530) 244-6060 P.O. Box 992338 Redding, CA 96099-2338	James A. Wyatt	Dangerous Condition, Civil Rights, Police, Wrongful Termination, Auto Liability, Labor Law, Heavy Trial Experience

**NCCSIF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY & PROCEDURE #A-9**

**ATTACHMENT A - LIABILITY  
Approved List of Counsel**

<b>Name of Law Firm</b>	<b>Attorneys</b>	<b>Areas of Expertise</b>
Murphy, Campbell, Alliston & Quinn, PLC. 8801 Folsom Boulevard, Suite 230 Sacramento, CA 95826 (916) 400-2300	Stephanie L. Quinn	Auto, Wrongful Deaths, Slip and falls, Fire and Trespassing Experience
Cota Cole LLP 2261 Lava Ridge Court Roseville, CA 95661 (916) 780-9009	Dennis Cota Derek Cole Daniel King	Land Use, civil rights, environmental issues.
Allen, Glaessner, Hazelwood, Werth 180 Montgomery Street, Ste. 1200 San Francisco, CA 94104 (415) 697-2000	Dale Allen Mark Hazelwood Steve Werth	Police liability, ADA, sidewalk, employment practices, general municipal liability
Arthofer and Tonkin, Attorneys At Law 1267 Willis Street Redding, CA 96001 (530) 722-9002	Kenneth Arthofer Griffith Tonkin	Public entity, injury, real estate
Randall Harr 44282 Highway 299 East McArthur, CA 96056 (530) 336-5656 rlh@randallharrlaw.com	Randall Harr	
<del>Law Office of Douglas Thorn 7601 Watson Way Citrus Heights, CA 95610 (916) 735-9910 drthorn@surewest.net</del>	<del>Douglas Thorn</del>	<del>EPL—Paradise Only</del>

\* *Bruce A. Scheidt will be used only as respects the Eaton vs. Rocklin litigation.*

Revision Date: ~~September 28, 2017~~ March 22, 2018



BACK TO AGENDA

**Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund  
Claims Committee Meeting  
March 22, 2018**

**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.