

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CITIES SELF INSURANCE FUND
MINUTES OF NCCSIF CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russell Hildebrand, City of Rocklin
Tim Chapa, City of Rio Vista
Corey Shaver, City of Nevada City
Liz Ehrenstrom, City of Oroville

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Lee, City of Lincoln

CONSULTANTS: Marcus Beverly, Alliant Insurance Services
Johnny Yang, Alliant Insurance Services
Michelle Minnick, Alliant Insurance Services
Ben Burg, York Risk Services
Jennifer Nogosek, York Risk Services
Dorienne Zumbwalt, York Risk Services
Deboradh, DeMunck, York Risk Services

A. Call to Order

The Claims Committee was called to order at 11:54 am.

B. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

C. NCCSIF Claims Committee Minutes for Approval

1. 07.08.14 Special Claims Committee Meeting Minutes
2. 08.04.14 Special Claims Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Claims Committee Meeting Minutes listed above.

MOTION: Russell Hildebrand **SECOND:** Tim Chapa **MOTION CARRIED**

AYES: Ehrenstrom, Shaver, Chapa

NAYS: None

D. Closed Session – The Claims Committee went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.95 at 11:55 a.m. and discussed the following claims:

Workers' Compensation

1. Johnson vs. City of Red Bluff**
2. Diaz vs. City of Marysville**
3. Dunn vs. City of Colusa**

This claim was not discussed

At 11:59 am the Committee came out of Closed Session and announcement made that direction was provided to staff for the two claims referenced above.

Ms. Jennifer Nogosek advised that the Liability Defense Attorney List needed to be updated. Direction was given to program consultants to review and update accordingly. A list will be sent out to members for requests to add or remove Attorneys.

Mr. Ben Burg then referenced the Lade vs. County of Nevada case explaining that recently the Court of Appeals issued a ruling which modifies the eligibility for 4850 benefits. That decision states 4850 benefits are available only when an eligible employee is on a “leave of absence”, per the language of the Labor Code. When an employee returns to work, even if part time, he or she is no longer on a “leave of absence” and those benefits no longer apply.

Program consultants suggested that starting January 1, 2015, claims administrators will adjust their claims practice to reflect accordingly. Program consultants were directed to send out a memo to members explaining the new practice and the differences that will occur from the current practice. Members may elect to continue the current practice for any cases prior to January 1, 2015.

D. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.