

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
BALANCING AUTHORITY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (BANC)**

September 22, 2021

On this date, a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners of the Balancing Authority of Northern California was held telephonically, pursuant to the provisions of State of California Executive Order N-29-20 (3-17-2020).

Representatives:

Member Agency	Commissioner
Modesto Irrigation District (MID)	James McFall, Chair
City of Redding	Nick Zettel, Alternate
City of Roseville	Todd White, Alternate
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)	Laura Lewis, Alternate
City of Shasta Lake	Absent
Trinity Public Utilities District (TPUD)	Paul Hauser

Other Participants:

Jim Shetler	General Manager
Tony Braun	General Counsel
Kevin Smith	General Counsel
Brittany Iles	General Counsel
Jeanne Haas	Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)
Arun Sethi	WAPA
Brian Griess	WAPA

1. Call to Order: Mr. Shetler verified that there was a quorum to proceed; attendance is noted above. Chair McFall called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Commissioner Hauser joined at the beginning of agenda item 5A.
2. Matters Subsequent to Posting the Agenda: Mr. Shetler noted that a briefing on Assembly Bill 361 would be included under the General Manager's report.
3. Public Comment (any matter not on the agenda): None.
4. Consent Agenda: Chair McFall invited comments from the Commission on the Consent Agenda, and there were none.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION: M/S (White/Zettel) to approve the Consent Agenda . Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Commissioners Takehara, Hauser).

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5. Regular Agenda Items – Discussion and Possible Action:

A. General Manager Updates:

As noted in agenda item 2, Mr. Braun introduced this item and Ms. Iles provided a briefing on AB 361, the expiration of Executive Order N-29-20, and related impacts to BANC Commission meetings after September 30, 2021. Commission discussion followed regarding potential options for future meetings.

i. EIM Update:

Mr. Shetler introduced this item, noting that Utilicast had held market participation strategy discussions with BANC EIM Participants.

a. Consider and Possibly Approve Resolution 21-09-14 Approval of BANC Energy Imbalance Market Resource Sufficiency Test Failure Allocation Methodology and Extension of Associated Grace Period.

Mr. Shetler introduced this item and responded to questions from Commissioners. Chair McFall requested clarification regarding the floor and ceiling prices. Mr. Shetler responded that the costs were \$/MWh and any required changes required for clarification purposes would be reflected in the approved document.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION: M/S (Hauser/White) to **approve Resolution 20-09-14 Approval of BANC Energy Imbalance Market Resource Sufficiency Test Failure Allocation Methodology and Extension of Associated Grace Period.** Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Commissioner Takehara).

b. Consider and Possibly Approve Resolution 21-09-15 Authorization of Amendment to Extend Utilicast Contract for Services Related to Phase 2 Energy Imbalance Market Post Go-Live Support.

Mr. Shetler introduced this item. There were no questions from the Commission.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION: M/S (Hauser/Zettel) to **approve Resolution 20-09-15 Authorization of Amendment to Extend Utilicast Contract for Services Related to Phase 2 of Energy Imbalance market Post Go-Live Support.** Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Commissioner Takehara).

Mr. Shetler continued with additional EIM updates, including impacts related to BPA joining EIM in 2022 and developments related to BANC cash reserves, responding to questions from the Commission.

ii. EDAM Update – Discussion and Recommendation on Next Steps.

Mr. Shetler introduced this item, recommending that BANC continue to support and participate in this effort. Chair McFall, Alternate Commissioner White, Alternate Commissioner Zettel, Alternate Commissioner Lewis provided comments.

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iii. SB 100 Update and Briefing on Management of Expected Data Request(s).

Mr. Shetler provided an update on this effort and responded to questions from the Commissioners.

iv. NWPP Resource Adequacy Program Discussion and Decision on Phases 3A & 3B.

Mr. Shetler shared that this effort has been renamed the Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP). He provided an overview of considerations related to signing on to this program and recommended, following review with the Resource Committee, that BANC suspend further participation in WRAP and reevaluate once the program is operational and/or if Resource Adequacy needs dictate. Chair McFall invited comments from the Commission, and Alternate Commissioner Zettel, Chair McFall, Alternate Commissioner White, and Alternate Commissioner Lewis weighed in, supporting the recommendation.

Public Comment: None.

B. Budget Review Discussion – Updated Draft 2022 BANC Budget.

Mr. Shetler provided an overview of the Draft 2022 BANC Budget, noting a change to PA-5 for EIM Participation for addition funds related to the Utilicast extension. He stated his intent to bring the budget back for approval at a future Commission meeting. A memo to WAPA will be drafted outlining impacts to the Project Participation Agreements for 2022.

Public Comment: None.

C. Draft 2021/2022 Strategic Initiatives Review and Discussion.

Mr. Shetler shared the draft initiatives and responded to questions from the Commission. He clarified that items that were identified as duplicates would be addressed in a future version.

Public Comment: None.

D. Member updates:

Alternate Commissioner White provided an update on Roseville's projects with Department of Water Resources at the Roseville Energy Park. As shortages are predicted in future years, the governor issued a proclamation on June 30th looking to quickly bring additional resources to the grid. Sites where mobile generators could be quickly interconnected were being sought, and Roseville had a viable sight where a spare transformer was available for interconnection. Commercial go-live for the project was expected on September 22, 2021.

Alternate Commissioner Lewis shared that SMUD was approached by the state in August to find out if they had any load that could participate in the emergency load reduction program that was being created as part of the same executive order. SMUD was able to identify at least one customer that was interested in providing support if needed, and work continues around feasibility and implementation details.

6. Closed Session: The Commission retired to closed session at 3:26 p.m. for conference with legal counsel in anticipation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Cal. Gov't Code § 54956.9.

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The Commission adjourned from closed session at 3:45 p.m., where no formal action was taken.

Minutes approved on October 27, 2021.

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C. Anthony Braun, Secretary