

Balancing Authority of Northern California

Regular Meeting of the Commissioners of BANC and Strategic Planning Session

**1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 30, 2026
555 Capitol Mall, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Balancing Authority of Northern California

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting and strategic planning session of the Commissioners of the Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC) will be held on **September 30, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95814.**

AGENDA

- 1 Call to Order and Verification of Quorum.**
- 2 Matters subsequent to posting the Agenda.**
- 3 Public Comment** – any member of the public may address the Commissioners concerning any matter on the agenda.
- 4 Consent Agenda.**
 - A. Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting held on July 22, 2026.
 - B. BANC Operator Reports (July, August).
 - C. Compliance Officer Reports (August, September).
 - D. PC Committee Chair Reports (August, September).
 - E. General Manager's Report and Strategic Initiatives Update.
- 5 BANC Strategic Planning Session.**
 - A. "What's Next for the West?" Panel Discussion – Alice Reynolds, CAISO Board of Governors & former CPUC President; Kathleen Staks, Western Freedom Executive Director; Mike Wilding, Pacificorp Vice President of Energy Supply Management.

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 - B. Discussion on Western Interconnection Infrastructure Development.
 - C. Review of BANC Strategic Initiatives & Discussion on New Initiatives.
 - D. Review Action Items.
- 6 Regular Agenda Items – Discussion and Possible Action.**
 - A. Consider and Possibly Approve Resolution 26-09-01 *Resolution Commending and Thanking Paul Lau for His Service to the Balancing Authority of Northern California.*
 - B. Discussion on Draft 2027 BANC Annual Budget.
- 7 Adjournment.**

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Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of the July 22, 2026 BANC Regular Meeting.**
- B. BANC Operator Reports (July, August).**
- C. Compliance Officer Reports (August, September).**
- D. PC Committee Chair Report (August, September).**
- E. General Manager's Report and Strategic Initiatives Update.**

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

July 22, 2026

On this date, a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners of the Balancing Authority of Northern California was held at 2600 Capitol Avenue, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Representatives:

Member Agency	Commissioner
Modesto Irrigation District (MID)	Martin Caballero
City of Redding	Nick Zettel
City of Roseville	Shawn Matchim, Chair
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)	Laura Lewis, Alternate
City of Shasta Lake	Absent
Trinity Public Utilities District (TPUD)	Sarah Sheetz

Other Participants:

Jim Shetler	General Manager
Tony Braun	BANC General Counsel
Kris Kirkegaard	BANC General Counsel Support
Alan Blanding	Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)

1. Call to Order and Verification of Quorum: Mr. Shetler confirmed the quorum; attendance is noted above. Chair Matchim called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Matters Subsequent to Posting the Agenda: None.
3. Public Comment (any matter on the agenda): None.
4. Consent Agenda: Chair Matchim invited comments from the Commission and a motion on the Consent Agenda; there were no comments.

ACTION: M/S (Caballero/Lewis) to approve the Consent Agenda . Motion carried by a unanimous vote. (Absent: Commissioner Takehara).
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5. Regular Agenda Items.

A. Appointment of Commission Chair in accordance with BANC JPA Section 11.4.

Mr. Shetler noted that Alternate Commissioner Matchim was eligible to serve a 2nd term. Following discussion by the Commission, it was unanimously agreed by those present that Alternate Commissioner Matchim would continue in his current role as Chair for a second term.

B. General Manager Updates:

i. Market Updates – EIM, EDAM, Pathways, Markets+, WPP.

Mr. Shetler briefly reviewed EDAM updates, shared updates related to the West-wide

Governance Pathways Initiative, and provided brief comments on SPP Markets+, WPP, and WestEC. Questions from the Commission were addressed, and no action was taken.

ii. Strategic Plan Updates

Mr. Shetler reviewed progress on EDAM RA program development, noting that BANC is aligning BANC RA Program development to allow input from the EDAM effort. He also provided an update on resource procurement efforts. Commissioner questions were addressed, and no action was taken.

C. 2026 BANC Strategic Planning Session Discussion.

Mr. Shetler provided the latest logistics information and shared information related to the proposed agenda.

D. 2027 Budget Development Update.

Mr. Shetler shared that he is working on a draft of the 2027 budget and intends to share an initial draft in mid-August.

E. Member updates.

Alternate Commissioner Lewis shared that Paul Lau's last day would be the following week, with Lora Anguay assuming her new role on August 2nd. Commissioner Sheetz shared a hiring update. Commissioner Caballero noted an evaluation of an option to buy out a Department of Water Resources project. Commissioner Zettel provided updates on transitions in City Manager and City Attorney positions, wildfire mitigation, resources and rates. Commissioner Matchim reported updates on their repower project and touched on prepay financing related to power purchase agreements. Mr. Shetler noted that he would be scheduling in-person visits and that there were currently no items anticipated for August.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 2:37 p.m. The Commission adjourned from Closed Session at 3:08 p.m., where no action was taken

Minutes approved on July 22, 2026.

C. Anthony Braun, Secretary



BALANCING AUTHORITY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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TO: BANC Commission

RE: BANC Operator Report for July 2026

Operations:

- BA Operations: Normal
- Significant BA Issues: None
- Declared BA Energy Emergency Alert Level (EEA): N/A
- RSG Activations
 - 0 Qualifying Event(s)
 - 0 MW Qualifying Event request
 - 0 MW average generation lost
 - 0 MW maximum generation lost
 - Generating unit(s) and date(s) affected: None
 - All recoveries within 0 minutes
- USF
 - 1 of 31 days with instances of USF mitigation procedure utilized
 - 0 days on Path 66
 - No operational impact on BANC
- BAAL Operation:
 - Maximum duration of BAAL exceedance: 6 Minutes
 - Number of BAAL exceedance >10 minutes: None
 - BAAL violation (BAAL exceedance >30 minutes): None
- Frequency Response (FR) Performance – Quarterly Metric:
 - 2026 Frequency Response Obligation (FRO): -19.1 MW/0.1Hz

Monthly Notes:

- None

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Modesto Irrigation District, City of Redding, City of Roseville, Trinity Public Utilities District,

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City of Shasta Lake, and Sacramento Municipal Utility District



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- Declared BA Energy Emergency Alert Level (EEA): N/A
- RSG Activations
 - 3 Qualifying Events
 - 0 MW Qualifying Event request
 - 184 MW average generation lost
 - 184 MW maximum generation lost
 - Generating unit(s) and date(s) affected:
 - 8/01/26 – Sutter Energy Center tripped offline*
 - 8/29/26 - Functional test of the WPP RSG*
 - 8/29/26 - Sutter Energy Center tripped offline*
 - All recoveries within 12 minutes
- USF
 - 3 of 31 days with instances of USF mitigation procedure utilized
 - 0 days on Path 66
 - No operational impact on BANC
- BAAL Operation:
 - Maximum duration of BAAL exceedance: 2 Minutes
 - Number of BAAL exceedance >10 minutes: None
 - BAAL violation (BAAL exceedance >30 minutes): None
- Frequency Response (FR) Performance – Quarterly Metric:
 - 2026 Frequency Response Obligation (FRO): -19.1 MW/0.1Hz
 - Q2 Frequency Response Measure (FRM): -64.3 MW/0.1Hz
 - Q2 Number of Under-Performed Events: 2 out of 4
 - Q1~Q2 Frequency Response Measure (FRM): -49.1 MW/0.1Hz
 - Q1~Q2 Number of Under-Performed Events: 2 out of 7

Monthly Notes:

- None

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Modesto Irrigation District, City of Redding, City of Roseville, Trinity Public Utilities District,
City of Shasta Lake, and Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Compliance Officer Report

BANC Commission Meeting

August 2026

The following summarizes routine issues for the Commission's information and consideration. Any major issues or action items will be identified on the next Commission agenda for action.

BA Compliance Issues:

- No significant operational Balancing Authority compliance events occurred.
- All required BA compliance reports and operating data have been submitted to WECC.

BANC MCRC:

The next BANC MCRC meeting is scheduled to be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, August 24th via teleconference.

Compliance Officer Report

BANC Commission Meeting

September 2026

The following summarizes routine issues for the Commission's information and consideration. Any major issues or action items will be identified on the Commission agenda for action.

BA Compliance Issues:

- No significant operational Balancing Authority compliance events occurred.
- All required BA compliance reports and operating data have been submitted to WECC.

BANC MCRC:

The next BANC MCRC meeting is scheduled to be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, September 28th via teleconference.

PC Committee Chair Report

BANC Commission Meeting

August 2026

The following summarizes Planning Coordinator-related activities and updates for the Commission's information and consideration. Any major issues or action items will be identified separately on a future Commission agenda for action.

BANC PC Committee Updates and/or activities:

SMUD staff continues to work toward demonstrating compliance with PC-related NERC reliability standards. Staff completed fulfilling RSAW Narratives for the annual BANC PC Self Certification.

- FAC-002-4 – Facility Interconnection Studies – Staff reviewed responses to the annual data request to BANC PC Participants requesting information regarding any potential new interconnection projects, or qualified changes for years 2026 through 2036 and relevant qualified changes will be studied as part of the TPL-001-5.1 assessment process. Staff received updated models to include as part of the upcoming 2026 BANC PC TPL assessment. These models are being incorporated into the study base cases. Staff is also evaluated additional responses to qualified changes that would need to be studied in the near future that is not part of the TPL assessment as a separate FAC-002-4 study A study plan is being drafted.
- FAC-014-3 - Establish and Communicate SOLs – Staff is in process of evaluating SOLs for year 2026 in conjunction with the development of the TPL-001-5 study base cases using the latest set of SOLs for BANC PC as provided by the CAISO. New model updates have been provided for the base cases, and the SOL evaluations will be completed soon. The dynamics files are almost finished and will be evaluated in soon.
- MOD-031-3 – Demand and Energy Data – Staff submitted an additional gas pipeline narrative data request to WECC on July 10th, 2026. Staff worked with BANC members and SMUD staff to collaborate on a PC-wide response.
- MOD-032-1 - Data for Power System Modeling and Analysis – Staff updated the BANC PC R1 Data Reporting and requiring documents ahead of the compliance deadline. This was done to ensure recently classified Category 2 IBRs who will be required to comply in May have the most up to date requirements to submit their model data under. The request has been sent out and BANC is awaiting responses. Some data was received which is being reviewed.
- MOD-033-2 – Model Validation – 2025 validation was completed in December. Next validation to be performed in Fall 2026.

- PRC-006-5 – Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding – Staff is participating in ongoing WECC-level PRC-006-5 process to determine the effectiveness of the existing UFLS for the Southern Island in the SILTP and Underfrequency Load Shedding Working Group (UFLSWG) meetings and completed the review amongst the UFLSWG. The report has been finalized and posted on WECC’s website. There are no violations for the Southern Island that BANC PC is part of. The annual 2026 UFLS data request has been completed on June 1st.
- PRC-012 – Remedial Action Schemes Assessment – Staff performed a comprehensive “once in every 60 calendar months” Remedial Action Scheme (RAS) assessment to demonstrate whether the BANC PC portion of the Bulk Electric System (BES) met all performance and other requirements specified in the NERC Reliability Standard PRC-012-2 R4. The final study report was completed and sent out prior to the end of 2025. This is next due in 2030.
- PRC-023-6 – Transmission Relay Loadability –Staff is awaiting finalized TPL base cases to for studies. The study plan will be sent out to BANC PC for review in August.
- PRC-026-2 – Relay Performance During Stable Power Swings –Staff is awaiting finalized TPL base cases and dynamics files for studies. The study plan will be sent out to BANC PC for review August.
- TPL-001-5.1 – Transmission System Planning Performance – FAC-014 base case review was completed, and steady state analysis was also completed shortly after. Dynamic data is being reviewed and updated in preparation for the transient stability analysis.
- TPL-007-4 – Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events – Staff completed the GMD voltage portion of the study to assess the impact of GMD events on the bulk system voltages and reactive power consumptions within the BANC PC Participants’ areas. The voltage portion of the study was not included in the WECC 2022 GMD study, which only included the GIC portion of the study. The 2024 mock auditor recommended performing the additional voltage study for compliance. The GMD voltage study report was sent out to BANC PC Participants for review on March 12, 2025. The GMD Vulnerability Assessment Responsibilities for BANC PC Area report was updated on November 16, 2025. No new responsibilities were added for BANC PC members; the updates were strictly for improved readability and organization. We did, however, add more description to Section 3.5 - Requirement 5 to ensure the required GMD data is sent to the appropriate parties. The GMD Vulnerability Assessment Responsibilities for BANC PC Area report was updated on January 7th after noting that certain responsibilities shifted between revisions. The updated report has been sent to BANC PC Participants for comments.

The table below shows the current status of all PC-related NERC standards:

	PC Standard	Estimated % Complete	Notes
1	FAC-002-4 Interconnection Studies	60%	Staff is reviewing responses to the annual data request to BANC PC Participants requesting information regarding any potential new interconnection projects, or qualified changes for years 2026 through 2036 and relevant qualified changes will be studied as part of the TPL-001-5.1 assessment process. Staff is also evaluating additional new responses to qualified changes that would need to be studied in the near future that is not part of the TPL assessment.
2	FAC-014-3 Establish and Communicate SOLs	75%	Staff is initializing the new process for year 2026 will begin in conjunction with the development of the TPL-001-5 study base cases, and after CAISO communicates the latest set of SOLs to BANC PC and the initial TPL base cases are compiled. The CAISO has communicated the latest SOLs. BANC PC will compile study base cases once they're available from the CAISO. New model updates have been provided for the base cases, and the SOL evaluations will be completed soon.
3	IRO-017-1 Outage Coordination	100%	Assessment report(s) were sent to the RC on 12/31/2025.
4	MOD-031-3 Demand and Energy Data	100%	Staff submitted an additional gas pipeline narrative data request to WECC on July 10 th , 2026. Staff worked with BANC members and SMUD staff to collaborate on a PC-wide response.
5	MOD-032-1 Data for Power System Modeling & Analysis	50%	Data request was sent. Awaiting response from developers. Some data has been received and is being reviewed.
6	MOD-033-2 System Model Validation	0%	Will be started in the fall.

	PC Standard	Estimated % Complete	Notes
7	PRC-006-5 Underfrequency Load Shedding	75%	Staff is participating in ongoing WECC level PRC-006-5 studies to determine the effectiveness of the existing UFLS for the Southern Island. Staff continues to participate in the SILTP and Underfrequency Load Shedding Working Group (UFLSWG) meetings to coordinate on studies and completed the review amongst the UFLSWG. The report has been finalized and posted on WECC's website. There are no violations for the Southern Island that BANC PC is part of. The annual 2026 UFLS data request is expected by May.
8	PRC-010-2 Undervoltage Load Shedding	100%	Staff completed performing the UVLS assessment studies. The final Report was issued on 12/24/2024.
9	PRC-012-2 Remedial Action Schemes	100%	The final study report was completed and sent out on 12/22/2025. Next due in 2030.
10	PRC-023-6 Transmission Relay Loadability	50%	Staff is awaiting finalized TPL base cases to finish studies. The study plan will be sent out to BANC PC for review in August.
11	PRC-026-2 Relay Performance During Stable Power Swings	45%	Staff is awaiting finalized TPL base cases and dynamics files for studies. The study plan will be sent out to BANC PC for review in August.
12	TPL-001-5 Transmission System Planning Performance	40%	Steady state analysis is nearly complete. Data is being updated for the transient stability analysis.

	PC Standard	Estimated % Complete	Notes
13	TPL-007-4 Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events	100%	Staff completed GMD voltage portion of the study to assess the GMD event impact on the bulk system voltages and reactive power consumptions within the BANC PC participants' areas. The GMD voltage portion of the study was not included in the WECC 2022 GMD study which only included GIC portion of the study. The GMD additional voltage study report was sent out to the BANC PC participants on 3/12/2025. The GMD Vulnerability Assessment Responsibilities for BANC PC Area report was updated on 11/16/2025. No new responsibilities were added for BANC PC members. The updates were strictly for improved readability and organization. We did, however, add more description to Section 3.5 - Requirement 5, to ensure the required GMD data is sent to the appropriate parties. The GMD Vulnerability Assessment Responsibilities for BANC PC Area report was updated on 1/7/2026 after noting that certain responsibilities shifted between revisions. The updated report has been sent to BANC PC members for comments.

PC Committee Chair Report

BANC Commission Meeting

September 2026

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BANC PC Committee Updates and/or activities:

SMUD staff continues to work toward demonstrating compliance with PC-related NERC reliability standards. Staff completed fulfilling RSAW Narratives for the annual BANC PC Self Certification.

- FAC-002-4 – Facility Interconnection Studies – Staff reviewed responses to the annual BANC PC Participant data request regarding potential new interconnection projects or qualified changes for years 2026-36. Staff also evaluated additional responses to qualified changes that would need to be studied in the near future that are not part of the TPL assessment as a separate FAC-002-4 study. A draft study plan is being sent out for review to study different transmission line configurations for RDNG.
- FAC-014-3 - Establish and Communicate SOLs – Staff has completed evaluating SOLs for year 2026 in conjunction with the development of the TPL-001-5 study base cases using the latest set of SOLs for BANC PC as provided by CAISO. The dynamics files have been updated with new models and SOLs evaluation is complete. Communication will be shared regarding any differences in SOLs being used by the BANC PC.
- MOD-031-3 – Demand and Energy Data – Staff submitted an additional gas pipeline narrative data request to WECC on July 10th. Staff worked with BANC members and SMUD staff to collaborate on a PC-wide response. This year's L&R process is complete, and next year's process will begin in December.
- MOD-032-1 - Data for Power System Modeling and Analysis – Staff updated the BANC PC R1 Data Reporting and requiring documents ahead of the compliance deadline. This was done to ensure recently classified Category 2 IBRs, who will be required to comply in May, have the most up-to-date requirements under which to submit their model data. The request has been sent out, and BANC is awaiting responses. Some data was received and is being reviewed.
- MOD-033-2 – Model Validation – 2025 validation was completed in December. Next validation to be performed in Fall 2026.

- PRC-006-5 – Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding – Staff is participating in the ongoing WECC-level PRC-006-5 process to determine the effectiveness of the existing UFLS for the Southern Island in the SILTP and Underfrequency Load Shedding Working Group (UFLSWG) meetings and completed the review amongst the UFLSWG. The report has been finalized and posted on WECC’s website. There are no violations for the Southern Island that BANC PC is part of. The annual 2026 UFLS data request was completed on June 1st.
- PRC-012 – Remedial Action Schemes Assessment – Staff performed a comprehensive “once in every 60 calendar months” Remedial Action Scheme (RAS) assessment to demonstrate whether the BANC PC portion of the Bulk Electric System (BES) met all performance and other requirements specified in the NERC Reliability Standard PRC-012-2 R4. The final study report was completed and sent out prior to the end of 2025. This is next due in 2030.
- PRC-023-6 – Transmission Relay Loadability –The study plan has been completed, and staff is performing powerflow studies and reviewing results.
- PRC-026-2 – Relay Performance During Stable Power Swings –The study plan has been completed, and staff is preparing the transient stability studies.
- TPL-001-5.1 – Transmission System Planning Performance – The preliminary dynamic simulations were completed, and the results are being reviewed. Small updates to generator models are being made which will be followed by re-performing the analysis and tendering final results.
- TPL-007-4 – Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events – Staff completed the GMD voltage portion of the study to assess the impact of GMD events on the bulk system voltages and reactive power consumptions within the BANC PC Participants’ areas. The voltage portion of the study was not included in the WECC 2022 GMD study, which only included the GIC portion of the study. The 2024 mock auditor recommended performing the additional voltage study for compliance. The GMD voltage study report was sent out to BANC PC Participants for review on March 12, 2025. The GMD Vulnerability Assessment Responsibilities for BANC PC Area report was updated on November 16, 2025. No new responsibilities were added for BANC PC Participants; the updates were strictly for improved readability and organization. We did, however, add more description to Section 3.5 - Requirement 5 to ensure the required GMD data is sent to the appropriate parties. The GMD Vulnerability Assessment Responsibilities for BANC PC Area report was updated on January 7th after noting that certain responsibilities shifted between revisions. The updated report has been sent to BANC PC Participants for comments.

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2	FAC-014-3 Establish and Communicate SOLs	85%	Staff has completed evaluating SOLs for year 2026 in conjunction with the development of the TPL-001-5 study base cases using the latest set of SOLs for BANC PC as provided by the CAISO. The dynamics files have been updated with new models and SOLs evaluation is complete. Communication will be made regarding any differences in SOLs being used by BANC PC.
3	IRO-017-1 Outage Coordination	100%	Assessment report(s) were sent to the RC on 12/31/2025.
4	MOD-031-3 Demand and Energy Data	100%	Staff submitted an additional gas pipeline narrative data request to WECC on July 10 th , 2026. Staff worked with BANC members and SMUD staff to collaborate on a PC-wide response. This year's L&R process is complete, and next year's process will begin in December.
5	MOD-032-1 Data for Power System Modeling & Analysis	50%	Data request was sent. Awaiting response from developers. Some data has been received and is being reviewed.
6	MOD-033-2 System Model Validation	0%	Will be started in the fall.

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7	PRC-006-5 Underfrequency Load Shedding	100%	Staff is participating in ongoing WECC level PRC-006-5 studies to determine the effectiveness of the existing UFLS for the Southern Island. Staff continues to participate in the SILTP and Underfrequency Load Shedding Working Group (UFLSWG) meetings to coordinate on studies and completed the review amongst the UFLSWG. The report has been finalized and posted on WECC's website. There are no violations for the Southern Island that BANC PC is part of. The annual 2026 UFLS data request is expected by May.
8	PRC-010-2 Undervoltage Load Shedding	100%	Staff completed performing the UVLS assessment studies. The final Report was issued on 12/24/2024.
9	PRC-012-2 Remedial Action Schemes	100%	The final study report was completed and sent out on 12/22/2025. Next due in 2030.
10	PRC-023-6 Transmission Relay Loadability	60%	The study plan has been completed, and staff is performing powerflow studies and reviewing results.
11	PRC-026-2 Relay Performance During Stable Power Swings	50%	The study plan has been completed, and staff is preparing the transient stability studies.
12	TPL-001-5 Transmission System Planning Performance	80%	Preliminary stability is complete and will be re-performed after generator updates are performed.

	PC Standard	Estimated % Complete	Notes
13	TPL-007-4 Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events	100%	Staff completed GMD voltage portion of the study to assess the GMD event impact on the bulk system voltages and reactive power consumptions within the BANC PC participants' areas. The GMD voltage portion of the study was not included in the WECC 2022 GMD study which only included GIC portion of the study. The GMD additional voltage study report was sent out to the BANC PC participants on 3/12/2025. The GMD Vulnerability Assessment Responsibilities for BANC PC Area report was updated on 11/16/2025. No new responsibilities were added for BANC PC members. The updates were strictly for improved readability and organization. We did, however, add more description to Section 3.5 - Requirement 5, to ensure the required GMD data is sent to the appropriate parties. The GMD Vulnerability Assessment Responsibilities for BANC PC Area report was updated on 1/7/2026 after noting that certain responsibilities shifted between revisions. The updated report has been sent to BANC PC members for comments.

GM Report

BANC Commission Meeting

September 30, 2026

I wanted to summarize routine issues for the Commission's information and consideration. Any major issues or action items will be identified separately on the Commission agenda for action.

Outreach Efforts:

Refer to GM outreach report provided under separate distribution. In addition, here are some other noteworthy items:

Market Initiatives:

EIM Participation

Staff continues monitoring EIM participation. CAISO quarterly benefit reports show that BANC is seeing benefits from EIM participation, with the 2nd Quarter 2026 report showing gross benefits of \$40.67 million for BANC, with a total of \$1,009.00 millions of gross benefits for BANC since joining in 2019.

With respect to BANC EIM Phase 2 effort, BANC has been passing the EIM Balancing, Capacity, and Flex Ramp tests with a high success rate. Both the Technical Evaluation Subcommittee and the Settlements Subcommittee are meeting routinely and evaluating EIM operations, with reports out to the Markets Committee.

EDAM Participation

The BANC EDAM Implementation project is moving forward. The EDAM Implementation Agreement has been executed with the CAISO and was approved by FERC. Based upon the CAISO decision to move EDAM go-live for the 2027 entities to the fall, BANC revised the schedule and budget for the project and obtained Commission concurrence at its July 2025 meeting. Staff is now moving forward with ramping up the project efforts, which includes monitoring the implementation efforts of PacifiCorp and PGE for their 2026 go-lives. PacifiCorp successfully went live on May 1, 2026, with no major issues. PGE has entered parallel operations and is on target for October 1st go-live. The CAISO and the market participants have noticed some issues with settlements accuracy. The CAISO has issued software fixes that are believed will fix the problems. BANC staff will continue to monitor this issue.

BANC is an active participant in the West-wide Governance Pathways Initiative (WWGPI), which includes participation on the Formation Committee for the new organization. Pathways selected a Formation Board (FB) for the new Regional Organization for Western Energy (ROWE), and the BANC General Manager has agreed to serve as one of these board members. The FB has limited authority focused on creation of the new organization and selecting the initial independent board. The Board nominating process has been completed with the Nominating Committee selecting a slate of five candidates, which are scheduled to be approved by the end of September. The Formation Board has also initiated the selection process for the new CEO for the ROWE. The goal is to have the new board seated by mid-October 2026, key staff selected in late-2026 to early-2027, negotiate the necessary tariff amendments and service agreement with the CAISO for filing at FERC in mid-late 2027, with the new organization operable by early 2028.

Other Market Developments

In parallel with the EDAM process, SPP is moving forward with its “Markets+” effort to support interested utilities in the West with a range of market options from EIM to full RTO services. SPP filed the Markets+ tariff at FERC on March 29, 2024. FERC approved the SPP Markets+ tariff at its meeting on January 16, 2025. SPP has indicated that “go-live” for the initial participants in Markets+ is currently forecasted for Fall 2027. SPP announced that it has secured sufficient funding commitments to move forward with the next phase of Markets+ development. SPP is also moving forward with expansion of their RTO into the eastern part of the Western Interconnection with a successful go-live on April 1, 2026. Seams between the two markets has become a major topic. As a result, a group of the EDAM BAA’s and Markets+ BAA’s have initiated discussions on seams and other market transition issues with meetings on May 11, 2026, July 31, 2026, and September 16, 2026. The new BPA administrator has indicated his intent to revisit the decision to join Markets+, and has issued a letter outlining the issues that he believes need to be addressed for EDAM participation.

WAPA:

Market Engagement

WAPA-SNR continues to be an active participant in the EIM.

BANC is working with WAPA-SNR to facilitate their EDAM implementation efforts including assisting with OATT development in parallel with BANC development of the EDAM business practices.

WECC:

WECC Board Meetings

The last set of Board and committee meetings were held on September 15-16, 2026, in Salt Lake City, UT, though these were not public meetings but rather reserved for Board strategic discussions. The next set of meetings will be December 8-9, 2026, in Salt Lake City, UT. The WECC CEO has indicated the desire to periodically hold Board meetings outside of Salt Lake City with their March meeting tentatively scheduled for Sacramento.

Western Power Pool (WPP):

Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP)

BANC continues to monitor development of the WRAP. NVE has filed an IRP update with the Nevada Commission stating that they will not be moving forward with binding participation in WRAP. In addition, PacifiCorp, PGE, and PNM have also stated that they will not be going binding in the WRAP. Idaho Power and Seattle City Light have agreed to go binding in WRAP. At this stage, WPP has stated that they will be moving forward with the initial WRAP binding period for winter 2027 with sixteen entities participating. However, Seattle City Light has announced that they will be withdrawing from WRAP after the initial winter binding period in 2027.

RSG and FRSG Participation

BANC continues to participate in the Reserve Sharing Group and the Frequency Response Sharing Group through the WPP and receive benefits in doing so.

WestTEC

WPP has initiated a new process called the Western Transmission Expansion Coalition (WestTEC) which is intended to provide coordination among the current regional transmission planning entities in the West (CAISO, Northern Tier, and WestConnect) to determine if there are some broader regional transmission projects that should be considered. WPP has obtained DOE funding for this effort and implementation is moving forward. They are envisioning a 2.5-year process with an initial 10-year plan to be issued in 2025 and a 20-year plan in 2026. The draft 10-year plan is final and was published on February 4, 2026. The 10-year plan has identified \$~56 billions of transmission enhancements adding or upgrading 12,200 miles of facilities. It is expected that the 20-year plan will be issued in late 2026 to early 2027.

CDWR Delta Pumping Load:

The current schedule for the project is to initiate construction in 2033 with operations initiated in 2040's.

SB100 Implementation:

As part of SB100, the CPUC, CEC, and CARB (Joint Agencies) are required to collaborate with the California BAs to develop a quadrennial report on the status of achieving the goals of SB100. The four POU BAs (BANC, IID, LADWP, and TID) are collaborating on positions and responses, facilitated by CMUA. The final, initial report was issued on 3/15/21. The CEC did reach out to the POU BAAs in early March 2021 seeking more engagement with the BAAs for the next round of analysis for the SB100 effort. Based upon discussions, the POU BAAs hired a consultant via CMUA to assist in this effort. BANC is working with IID, LADWP, and TID to coordinate our engagement in this effort. The CEC has reached out to the POU BAAs to discuss the status of the current report. The POU BAs met with the CEC on January 26, 2026, to discuss the status of the SB101 report. The CEC hosted a workshop on the 2025 SB100 Joint Agency Report on February 19, 2026. Jon Olson from SMUD represented POU entities on one of the panels.

Western Electricity Industry Leaders (WEIL) Group:

The WEIL CEOs last met on May 29, 2026, in Salt Lake City, UT. The next meeting of the WEIL group is planned for October 14, 2026, in Portland, OR.

Strategic Initiatives:

The 2025/2026 Strategic Initiatives are attached to this report.

BANC 2025/2026 Strategic Plan - Routine Initiatives - September 2026 Update

No./Priority	Focus Area	Initiative	Responsibility	Target Due Date	Status
1 Medium	INDEPENDENCE	Effectively oversee the BA operations.	Jim Shetler	Ongoing	See monthly Ops, PC, Compliance, & GM Reports
2 Medium		Maintain long-term succession plan and traits for General Manager	Jim Shetler/Commission	Ongoing as Necessary	Proposing update to plan in 2027
3 Medium		Develop appropriate policies, procedures, & action tracking	Jim Shetler/BB&W	4th Qtr. 2026	
4 Medium	OUTREACH	Engage in industry forums (WECC, RC West, NWPPA, etc.)	Jim Shetler	Ongoing	Attend RC West, WECC Board, WEIL, & WPP mtgs. Attended CMUA Annual Mtg.
5 Medium		Coordinate with other POU BAs (Ca and regionally)	Jim Shetler	Ongoing	Coordinating with SCL/SRP/LA/TP/TID on EIM/EDAM & SB100
6 Medium		Outreach to regulatory and legislative bodies on key issues	Jim Shetler/BB&W	Ongoing as Necessary	
7 Medium		Engage TID on BA/EIM/EDAM	Jim Shetler/BB&W	Ongoing	Ongoing
8 High		Develop prioritized risk matrix on key regulatory issues	BB&W/Jim Shetler	Mid-2026	
9 Medium	ASSETS	Monitor RA development in WI including EDAM RA program	Jim S./BB&W/Res. Com.	4th Qtr. 2026	EDAM RA program discussion initiated - Initial draft Q4 2026
10 Medium		Finalize BANC-wide IRP Report	Jim S./Res. Comm	3rd Qtr. 2026	
11 High		Upgrade BANC RA Program	Jim S./Res. Comm.	3rd Qtr. 2026	Brattle Contract executed. Delaying effort to monitor EDAM RA program
12 Low	MEMBER SERVICES	Coordinate with BANC Operator to identify education areas for grid operations and outreach to members	Jim Shetler/Chris Hofmann	4th Qtr. 2026	Initiated weekly ops calls. Developing gas curtailment procedure.
13 Low		Develop general education on BANC functions & support	Jim Shetler/BB&W	4t Qtr. 2026	On hold waiting for new SMUD Director

BANC 2025/2026 Strategic Plan - Focused Initiatives - September 2026 Update

No./Priority	Focus Area	Initiative	Responsibility	Target Due Date	Status
14 High	INDEPENDENCE	Manage EIM Phase 2 Going Forward	Jim Shetler/SMUD	Ongoing	Manage Phase 2 operations including Markets, Tech. & Settlements committees
15 High		EDAM implementation effort ~ Manage BANC EDAM Imp. ~ Coordinate seams discussion	Jim Shetler/BB&W/ Utilicast	Oct-27	Ramping up project. BAA Mtg. held 9/17/26
16 Medium	OUTREACH	Evaluate opportunities to engage other entities in market development	Jim Shetler	Ongoing	Coordinating with SCL, SRP, LADWP, TID, Tacoma, Idaho, PAC, & PGE
17 Medium		Regional Policy Issues: Monitor/weigh-in where appropriate	Jim Shetler/Commission	Ongoing	Filed comments on EDAM RA program
18 High		Market Regionalization: ~Monitor ongoing discussions at WEIL, Pathways, & etc.	Jim Shetler/BB&W	Ongoing	ROWE Board slate selected; Board Briefing Book developed
19 High		Coordinate with CA BAs on SB100 effort	Jim Shetler/BB&W	Ongoing	CEC Workshop on 2/19/26
20 High	ASSETS	~ Develop agreements for Sutter CS Project	Jim S./BB&W/Res. Com.	3rd Qtr. 2026	Waiting on Calpine due diligence completion
21 High		~ Develop/issue BANC resource solicitation/Educate developers	Jim S./BB&W/Res. Com.	Mid-2026	Draft PPA discussions with Millville
22 Medium	MEMBER SERVICES	Evaluate possible support to participants for EIM/EDAM operations	Jim S.	Ongoing	

Balancing Authority of Northern California

Agenda Item 6A

1. **Resolution 26-09-01 *Resolution Commending and Thanking Paul Lau for His Service to the Balancing Authority of Northern California .***

**Balancing Authority of Northern California
Resolution 26-09-01**

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND THANKING PAUL LAU FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE BALANCING
AUTHORITY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, the Balancing Authority of Northern California ("BANC") was created by a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") to, among other things, acquire, construct, maintain, operate, and finance Projects; and

WHEREAS, Paul Lau, as the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District ("SMUD"), was instrumental in ensuring the ongoing success of BANC's operations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lau served faithfully as a Commissioner from his initial appointment in 2021 until his retirement from SMUD in 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lau provided leadership to move both SMUD and BANC in new and beneficial strategic directions, including the provision of services to BANC members and the entry into the Energy Imbalance Market; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lau's roles on the BANC Commission and at SMUD were essential to ensure the successful operation of the BANC Balancing Authority; and

WHEREAS, through his service to BANC, Mr. Lau has gained the respect and admiration of his colleagues on the Commission and throughout public power;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Balancing Authority of Northern California hereby commend and thank Paul Lau for his outstanding work with the Balancing Authority of Northern California and extend to him their best wishes for all of his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Commissioners of the Balancing Authority of Northern California the 30th day of September, 2026, by the following vote:

		Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Modesto ID	Martin Caballero				
City of Redding	Nick Zettel				
City of Roseville	Shawn Matchim				
City of Shasta Lake	James Takehara				
SMUD	Lora Anguay				
TPUD	Sarah Sheetz				

Shawn Matchim
Chair

Attest by: C. Anthony Braun
Secretary