

# California Association Of Mutual Water Companies Joint Powers Risk And Insurance Management Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 1:30 PM

1. Call to Order. President Michalko called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

### 2. Roll Call of Authority Directors.

Present:

Dave Michalko, Valencia Heights Water Company – *President* 

Dave Armstrong, South Mesa Water Company

Korey Bradbury, Montebello Land and Water Company - *Secretary* (arrived at 1:40 pm)

Lynda Noriega, California Domestic Water Company

Ryan Nunneley, Oildale Mutual Water Company

Dave Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District – *Vice President*Ken Tcheng, Sunny Slope Water
Company (left at 2:10 pm)
Marina West, Bighorn-Desert View
Water Agency – *Treasurer* 

Water Agency – *Treasurer* Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Rubio Cañon

Land and Water Association

Absent:

- 3. Public comment. No public comment.
- 4. <u>Approval of the Minutes of the JPRIMA Board Meeting on January 21, 2025.</u> On a motion by Director Armstrong, seconded by Director Tcheng, the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote of 8-0.
- 5. <u>President's Report</u>. No President's report this month.
- 6. <u>Consideration and Approval of Demand Sheet.</u> Treasurer West reviewed the Demand Sheet included in the Board of Directors' meeting packet. The demands included typical management and legal consulting fees. On a motion by Director Pedersen, seconded by

### Staff:

Susan Allen, Chief Executive Officer Karina Cervantez, CalMutuals Managing Director Jim Ciampa, General Counsel Paul Fuller, Insurance Administrator Gloria Galindo, Financial Manager Chase Gilmore, Insurance Administrator Adan Ortega, Communications Director George Pappas, Insurance Administrator Ceili Tuttle, CalMutuals & JPRIMA Staff

Tim Worley, CWSA Managing Director

Director Armstrong, the Board unanimously approved the Demand Sheet by roll call vote of 8-0.

7. <u>Financial Report.</u> Treasurer West provided an overview of the budget and cash flow report included in the Board meeting packet. She reported that as of January 31, the Authority is on budget. On a motion by Director Noriega, seconded by Director Armstrong, the Board unanimously approved the financial report for receipt and filing by roll call vote of 8-0.

### 8. Chief Executive Officer's Report.

- a. CalMutuals January 2025 Grant-Related Activity Report. CEO Allen provided an overview of the grant-related activity report for the period ending January 31, 2025, as included in the Board meeting packet.
- b. CWA Small Systems Workshop in Half Moon Bay. CEO Allen reported to the Board the events of the California Water Association's Small Systems Workshop in Half Moon Bay on February 2, 2025. She highlighted that CWA has a technical assistance committee where the larger members support their smaller members with technical assistance. This could potentially be translated to CalMutuals' practice. Additionally, CEO Allen was introduced to people in Monterey County who can help support the DWR program.

# 9. <u>Insurance Administrator's Report.</u>

Insurance Report for period ending January 31, 2025. Insurance Administrator Fuller reported to the Board that he continues to work with the three members impacted by the Eaton Fire. He furthered that wildfires are creating a challenge for coverage in California due to challenges with inflation and lack of supply following the demand from wildfires.

Director Yamashita-Lopez asked Insurance Administrator Fuller if there is any support needed from the Board in support of the renewal process. Mr. Fuller asked that Board members be made available to discuss with prospective clients the benefits and importance of the cybersecurity product.

10. <u>Legal Counsel's Report.</u> Legal Counsel Ciampa reminded the Board that Friday, February 21, 2025 is the deadline for the Legislature to introduce new bills. He reported that while there are not many bills currently affecting water, there are some targeting wildfire. He furthered that AB 428 (B. Rubio) has been reintroduced after being vetoed by the Governor last year and would allow for investor-owned utilities to participate in a joint powers agency for insurance purposes. In this version, the author included provisions to address comments from ACWA JPIA, following ACWA JPIA's direct

opposition with the Governor's office. Those provisions include that the insurance must be fully reinsured and be non-assessable.

- 11. <u>Communications Report.</u> Communications Director Ortega reported that staff continues to work with the Altadena members affected by the Eaton fire, providing communications and media support.
- 12. Director Comments. No Director comments.
- 13. Adjournment. President Michalko adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the	4/23/2025
Korey Bradbury, CalMutuals JPRIMA Secretary	Date
Affirmed By: P. David Michalko, CalMutuals JPRIMA President	Date 2, 2025