



**California Association Of Mutual Water Companies Joint Powers Risk And Insurance
Management Authority Board Meeting Minutes**
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – 1:30 PM

1. Call to Order. President Michalko called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

2. Roll Call of Authority Directors.

Present:

Dave Armstrong, South Mesa Water Company
Korey Bradbury, Montebello Land and Water Company - *Secretary*
Dave Michalko, Valencia Heights Water Company – *President*
Lynda Noriega, California Domestic Water Company
Ryan Nunneley, Oildale Mutual Water Company
Ken Tcheng, Sunny Slope Water Company
Marina West, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency – *Treasurer*
Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association

Staff:

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

Absent:

David Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, *Vice President*

3. Public comment. No public comment.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the JPRIMA Board Meeting on March 18, 2025. On a motion by Secretary Bradbury, seconded by Director Noriega, the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote of 8-0.

5. President's Report.

Potential legislation to ensure emergency access for water system professionals. President Michalko reported that at a recent Public Water Agencies Group (PWAG) meeting, Legal Counsel Ciampa was asked to draft language for potential legislation to ensure emergency access for water system professionals during emergency incidents. The idea is to have a state-issued card for utility workers in general to access a declared-emergency zone. Legal Counsel Ciampa reported the Office of Emergency Services would issue the card under proposed new Government Code Section 8585.6; however, this is open to change. President Michalko asked for CalMutuals JPRIMA feedback and potential support of the proposed effort.

Overall, the Board was favorable to collaborating with PWAG as proposed. Treasurer West shared a similar challenge her system faced when accessing a pipeline during a non-emergency weather event. Legal Counsel Ciampa noted there is potential to expand the

language to include local needs and concerns. CalMutuals Managing Director Cervantez also shared that advancing this legislation this year would require incorporating the language in a trailer bill that has a compatible focus. Unfortunately, there were no bills this year that were a good fit.

6. Consideration and Approval of Demand Sheet. Treasurer West reviewed the Demand Sheet included in the Board of Directors' meeting packet. The demands included typical management and legal consulting fees and an invoice from CliftonLarsonAllen for their annual audit of the Authority's financials. On a motion by Director Tchong, seconded by Director Armstrong, the Board unanimously approved the Demand Sheet by roll call vote of 8-0.
7. Financial Report. Treasurer West provided an overview of the budget and cash flow report included in the Board meeting packet. On a motion by Director Yamashita-Lopez, seconded by Secretary Bradbury, 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 March 2025 Grant-Related Activity Report.* CEO Allen provided an overview of the grant-related activity report for the period ending March 31, 2025, as included in the Board meeting packet.
 - b. *2024 CalMutuals JPRIMA Annual Report.* CEO Allen reported that she sent a near-final draft of the 2024 JPRIMA Annual Report to President Michalko, Legal Counsel Ciampa, and Insurance Administrator Fuller. Printed copies of the report will be provided to Board members, and an electronic version will be uploaded to the CalMutuals JPRIMA website.
 - c. *Update from Assembly Local Government Committee Hearing on April 9, 2025 on AB 428 (Rubio): Joint powers agreements: water corporations.* CEO Allen joined the California Water Association to testify before the California Assembly Committee on Local Government on April 9 in support of AB 428. The bill received unanimous support from the committee. The only question asked was focused on ensuring that members who ultimately did not find participation in the JPIA to be beneficial would have an opportunity to withdraw, and CEO Allen responded that withdrawals may be possible under certain circumstances.
 - d. *2025 Annual Meeting.* Ceili Tuttle shared potential venues for the 2025 Annual Meeting in Monterey. The dates that work best for both the CalMutuals JPRIMA and CalMutuals Board members are Sunday, September 28 to Tuesday, September 30. Board members shared their preferred venue by "vote" in the meeting chat as follows: Asilomar Conference Center: 3, Monterey Plaza Hotel 1, Either: 3
9. Insurance Administrator's Report.
 - a. *Insurance Report for period ending March 31, 2025.* Insurance Administrator Gilmore reviewed the insurance report for the period ending March 31, 2025, as included in the Board meeting packet.
 - b. *Potential participation in a coalition to address water supplier inverse condemnation liability for wildfires.* JPRIMA Insurance Administrator Fuller asked the CalMutuals

JPRIMA Board to consider participation in a coalition of five to seven prominent stakeholders to proactively address concerns around inverse condemnation litigation that is pending with LADWP. He noted that requests to participate have been extended to ACWA and CWA as well.

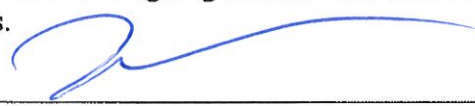
The main concern is the adverse precedent that might be set concerning inverse condemnation liability where a public utility is overwhelmed by a disaster—not started by the system—and held liable for failure to respond to it. This could pose an existential threat on all insurance providers based on the fact inverse condemnation does not require a showing of negligence.

Insurance Administrator Fuller asked the Board to authorize a budget for Allied Public Risk to work on a coalition, legal and/or with legislative advocacy, to ensure that public water systems should not face inverse condemnation claims for failure to respond to an emergency. President Michalko emphasized there is a great risk to all water systems should things develop and suggested the Board support this endeavor.

10. Consideration and possible approval of Authority participation in a coalition to address water supplier inverse condemnation liability for wildfires and commitment of funding not to exceed \$50,000 in connection with that participation. On a motion by Treasurer West, seconded by Director Armstrong, the Board unanimously approved by roll call vote of 8-0 to participate in the coalition and commit funding not to exceed \$50,000 in connection with that participation.
11. Legal Counsel's Report. No Legal Counsel Report.
12. Communications Report. Communications Director Ortega shared that he will be speaking on water affordability at the May 22 California Water Association Spring Conference in Sacramento.
13. Director Comments. No Director Comments.
14. Adjournment. President Michalko adjourned the meeting at 2:19 pm

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE:

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes approved by the Board of Directors.

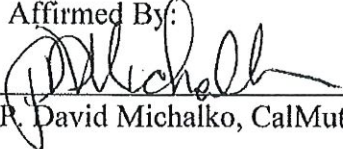


Korey Bradbury, CalMutuals JPRIMA Secretary

Date

September 8, 2025

Affirmed By:



David Michalko, CalMutuals JPRIMA President

JUNE 5 2025

Date