



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

Tuesday, May 20, 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.

<p><i>Present:</i> Dave Armstrong, South Mesa Water Company Dave Michalko, Valencia Heights Water Company – <i>President</i> Lynda Noriega, California Domestic Water Company Ryan Nunneley, Oildale Mutual Water Company David Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, <i>Vice President</i> Ken Tcheng, Sunny Slope Water Company Marina West, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency – <i>Treasurer</i> Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association</p>	<p><i>Absent:</i> Korey Bradbury, Montebello Land and Water Company - <i>Secretary</i></p> <p><i>Staff:</i> 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 Oracio Gonzalez, Legislative Advocate Tim Worley, Community Water Systems Alliance, Managing Director Yasmeen Nubani, Ortega Strategies Group</p> <p><i>Members:</i> Steve Lenton, Bellflower-Somerset Water Company</p>
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3. Public comment. No public comment.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the JPRIMA Board Meeting on April 15, 2025. On a motion by Director Tcheng, seconded by Director Armstrong, the minutes of the April 15, 2025 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote of 8-0.
5. President's Report. No President's report this month..
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. On a motion by Director Yamashita-Lopez, 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 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 April 2025 Grant-Related Activity Report.* CEO Allen provided an overview of the grant-related activity report for the period ending April 30, 2025. She will email the full report to the Board along with a link to the final version of the 2025 JPRIMA Annual Report on the CalMutuals JPRIMA website (<https://calmutualsjprima.org/wp-content/uploads/CalMutuals-JPRIMA-Annual-Report-2024-WEB.pdf>). Printed versions of the 2024 Annual Report will also be mailed to each of the Directors.
 - b. *Update AB 428 (Rubio): Joint powers agreements: water corporations.* CalMutuals Managing Director Cervantez reported that Assembly Bill 428, co-sponsored by CalMutuals JPRIMA and CalMutuals, successfully passed out of the Assembly. It has now been dual-referred to the Senate Local Government and Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committees, though no hearing dates have been scheduled. This bill aims to expand existing law to allow investor-owned utilities to participate in joint powers authorities for insurance purposes.
 - c. *2025 Annual Meeting Update and Location Preference Revisited - San Jose.* CalMutuals JPRIMA Associate Tuttle provided an update on plans for the 2025 Annual Meeting. She shared that staff discovered affordable travel options to Monterey were limited and the hotels in Monterey are significantly more expensive than hotels the Authority has used for previous Annual Meetings. CEO Allen noted that CalMutuals' support for systems in Monterey through the DWR Small Systems Program will be more limited than originally expected based on available funds. Staff recommended hosting the meeting in San Jose as an alternative, given that it is easier to travel to and more affordable.. CalMutuals staff is finalizing a venue and is confident in identifying a suitable option. CEO Allen also committed to inviting local mutual water companies to the Annual Meeting.
9. Insurance Administrator's Report
 - a. *Insurance Report for period ending April 30, 2025.* Insurance Administrator Gilmore reviewed the insurance report for the period ending April 30, 2025, as included in the Board meeting packet.
 - b. *Update on Proposed Collaboration to address Wildfire liability.* Insurance Administrator Fuller reported to the Board that he is finalizing a meeting with the California Water Association (CWA) to discuss the inverse condemnation coalition that hopes to secure liability and litigation protections for water systems with respect to potential inverse condemnation claims. He further noted that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is also interested in learning more about the coalition.

10. Legal Counsel's Report. Legal Counsel Ciampa reported to the Board on his activities at the ACWA conference last week where he attended the Legal Affairs Committee meeting. He shared there was a productive discussion on the inverse condemnation issue. The committee plans to establish a working group on the issue. Additionally, Yorba Linda Water District's attorney shared anecdotes demonstrating the potential impacts of inverse condemnation damages. Legal Counsel Ciampa also noted the potential to address this issue legislatively. He reported that a recent bill changed the definition regarding public agencies' facilities used for fire protection, which may provide a novel avenue to address this issue.

He also noted that the recent membership loss of Los Vaqueros Reservoir JPA was the result of the dissolution of that JPA and not the performance or competitiveness of CalMutuals JPRIMA.

11. Communications Report.

Communications Director Ortega reported that he and CalMutuals Managing Director Cervantez are making requests to legislators for operating funds for the small water systems in Altadena to support recovery from the impacts of the Eaton fire until customers return. Director Yamashita-Lopez thanked CalMutuals for their support in the wake of the fires.

Vice President Pedersen voiced his frustration with the SWRCB's response to the aftermath of the fires. Las Virgenes, MWD, and ACWA sent a letter to the SWRCB's Deputy Director Darrin Polhemus asking to bring together a group to inform best practices on what to do following a wildfire. He reported that, as of this meeting, Mr. Polhemus has not responded. The letter highlights the need to clarify water testing and other requirements that presented challenges for systems to implement due to the SWRCB's lack of preparedness.


Communications Director Ortega mentioned that Governor Newsom is also engaged in these matters and has developed a broader interest in water issues overall. Vice President Pedersen will share the Las Virgenes MWD letter with staff, with a request that it be shared with the Board and sent to SWRCB Chairman Joaquin Esquivel.

12. Director Comments. No Director comments.

13. Adjournment. President Michalko adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.

SECRETARY’S CERTIFICATE:

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

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Korey Bradbury, CalMutuals JPRIMA Secretary	Date	

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P. David Michalko, CalMutuals JPRIMA President	Date	