



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

Tuesday, June 17, 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 (1:33 PM)

Staff:

Susan Allen, Chief Executive Officer
Jim Ciampa, General Counsel
Karina Cervantez, CalMutuals Managing Director
Paul Fuller, Insurance Administrator
Chase Gilmore, Insurance Administrator
Oracio Gonzalez (1:44pm)
Adan Ortega, Communications Director (1:34 PM)
George Pappas, Insurance Administrator
Ceili Tuttle, CalMutuals & JPRIMA Staff

Members:

Steve Lenton, Bellflower-Somerset Water Company

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 May 20, 2025. On a motion by Director Armstrong, seconded by Director Tcheng, the minutes of the May 20, 2025 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote of 7-0, with one abstention from Secretary Bradbury.
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 consulting fees. On a motion by Secretary Bradbury, 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 Tcheng, 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 May 2025 Grant-Related Activity Report.* CEO Allen provided an overview of the grant-related activity report for the period ending May 31, 2025, included in the Board packet. She highlighted enrollment this month by the Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company team in the workplace violence prevention training. This month also reflects active engagement by the CalMutuals team in supporting the Los Angeles County Water Plan Small Systems Task Force's listening session for small systems of the LA Basin. CEO Allen noted that Cross-Connection Control remains a significant area of interest for members. Director Yamashita-Lopez shared that she has identified a professional that may be able to provide needed assistance and will share the contact information with CEO Allen.
 - b. *Update AB 428 (Rubio): Joint powers agreements: water corporations.* CEO Allen announced her upcoming travel to Sacramento on June 18, where she will testify before the Senate Committee on Local Government with respect to JPRIMA's support for AB 428.
 - c. *2025 Annual Meeting Update.* CEO Allen shared the staff will be finalizing the meeting venue for this year's CalMutuals and CalMutuals JPRIMA Annual Meetings. Staff member Tuttle conducted a tour of the potential options in the San Jose area on June 16 and will share her recommendations with staff. The venues under consideration are the San Jose Marriott and the Ameswell Hotel.
9. Insurance Administrator's Report.
 - a. *Insurance Report for period ending May 31, 2025.* Insurance Administrator Gilmore reviewed the insurance report for the period ending May 31, 2025, as included in the Board meeting packet. He also reported a 99% retention in the recent Workers' Compensation renewals with The Zenith.

Insurance Administrator Fuller shared that his team has been diligently working over the past year to enroll Nevada Irrigation District, a large irrigation district, as a new member of JPRIMA. This new member would expand JPRIMA's influence in Northern California, potentially attracting other larger entities interested in joining the Authority in 2026. Insurance Administrator Fuller proposed sending a letter to the prospective member from both President Michalko and CalMutuals President Yamashita-Lopez. He also noted that their sign-on date is likely July 1, 2025.
 - b. *Update on Proposed Collaboration to address Wildfire liability.*
President and CEO Approval of Insurance Administrator's request to share cost of draft framework for coalition to be developed by CWA Counsel, Brad Kuhn with

Nossaman, LLP. Insurance Administrator Fuller reported to the Board on his recent meeting with ACWA and ACWA-JPIA. ACWA is aligned to work with JPRIMA, however, the status of ACWA-JPIA remains unclear. Currently, CWA and JPRIMA are leading the effort to engage Nossaman, LLP, to draft a framework for the inverse condemnation coalition's proposed activities. Legal Counsel Ciampa expressed his support for the engagement of Brad Kuhn of Nossaman, LLP, noting that inverse condemnation is his area of expertise. Insurance Administrator Fuller mentioned that they hope to hold a principal's meeting in the coming weeks to recognize the necessity of forming this coalition. He also expressed the hope for the coalition to expand beyond just CWA, JPRIMA, and ACWA to effectively achieve its goals.

President Michalko noted the Board analysis that is the starting point for the discussion was provided in the Board meeting packet. He further stated that input is welcome, and he will continue to update the Board on this matter.

Communications Director Ortega suggested including Yorba Linda Water District's Brett Barbre in these conversations as well, given his history with the historic Freeway Fire inverse condemnation case.

10. Legal Counsel's Report.

Review and potential approval of proposed amendment to Restated JPA Agreement to allow participation by water suppliers outside of California in CalMutuals JPRIMA. Legal Counsel Ciampa informed the Board that there has been interest in expanding JPRIMA's jurisdiction to include members in Nevada. He reassured them that California Joint Powers Insurance Authorities (JPIAs) are permitted to have members from out of state. To do this, would require an amendment to the Authority's JPA agreement, which would then need to be voted on by the Authority's membership. Should the Board express interest in amending the JPA agreement, Legal Counsel Ciampa suggested forming a committee to review the Authority's founding documents for additional revisions. President Michalko asked the Board to let him know if they are interested in joining the committee. Legal Counsel Ciampa also committed to reviewing the Authority's documents and sharing his findings with the Board.

Director Yamashita-Lopez inquired whether JPRIMA has the necessary resources and relationships with brokers in Nevada to facilitate entering that new market. Insurance Administrator Fuller responded that the reach would be limited due to fewer systems and connections in that area.


11. Communications Report. No Communications report.

12. Director Comments. No Director comments.

13. Adjournment. President Michalko adjourned the meeting at 2:14 pm.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE:

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

DocuSigned by:

0F62476D44004E9...

9/8/2025

Korey Bradbury, CalMutuals JPRIMA Secretary

Date

Affirmed By: 
8CEB5DCE025D4C4...

9/7/2025

P. David Michalko, CalMutuals JPRIMA President

Date