



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

Tuesday, July 15, 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 Armstrong, South Mesa Water Company (departed 2:00 pm)  
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  
David Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, *Vice President* (departed 1:51 pm)  
Ken Tchong, 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, Legal 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

3. Public comment. No public comment.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the JPRIMA Board Meeting on June 17, 2025. On a motion by Director Armstrong, seconded by Treasurer West, the minutes of the June 17, 2025 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote of 9-0.
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. CEO Allen clarified that the invoice to CWA for \$3,250 is the Authority's share of the first payment to Nossaman for legal services provided in connection with the inverse condemnation coalition. On a motion by Director Armstrong, seconded by Vice President Pedersen, the Board unanimously approved the Demand Sheet by roll call vote of 9-0.

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 9-0.

8. Chief Executive Officer's Report.

- a. *CalMutuals June 2025 Grant-Related Activity Report.* CEO Allen provided an overview of the grant-related activity report for the period ending June 30, 2025, included in the Board packet. She noted that as larger agencies with both Property & Casualty and Workers Compensation insurance take advantage of professional education through the American Water College, the Board may need to increase its allocated financial support for those activities.
- b. *Update AB 428 (Rubio): Joint powers agreements: water corporations.* CEO Allen testified in support of AB428 at the hearing of the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications on July 7, 2025. The Committee approved the bill in its current form and the bill has moved to the Senate Appropriations Committee. If passed by the Appropriations Committee, it will go to the Senate floor and then to Governor Newsom upon Senate approval.
- c. *2025 Annual Meeting Update.* CEO Allen shared the draft agenda for the 2025 CalMutuals and CalMutuals JPRIMA Meetings and Workshop. The agenda includes a "state of the Authority" report and relevant discussion panels on the first day and a technical assistance, hands-on workshop series on the second day. CEO Allen requested that the Board recommend potential speakers for the panels and discussion sessions. She also requested the Board's consideration to provide their expertise to support the second day's workshops and peer-to-peer sessions.

CEO Allen asked the Board for guidance on action to take with JPRIMA insureds that have not paid their CalMutuals' 2025 membership dues. CalMutuals JPRIMA bylaws limit access to CalMutuals JPRIMA insurance to CalMutuals members. Legal Counsel Ciampa noted that if the Authority has a policy in place, it should abide by that policy. He suggested agendizing this topic for the next Board meeting and including the policy language from the Authority's bylaws. Insurance Administrator Fuller added that the non-payers cannot have their insurance suspended now, but, upon renewal, the stipulation that they owe for the new year and the previous year can be presented.

9. Appointment of the full Board of Directors to serve as a nominating committee for Board of Directors elections. General Counsel Ciampa reminded the Board that appointment of a nominating committee is required to facilitate election of Board members. On a motion by Treasurer West, seconded by Director Tchong, the Board unanimously approved by roll call vote of 7-0 (following the departure of Director Armstrong and Vice President Pedersen) the Board as the Nominating Committee for the nomination of incumbent directors.
10. Nominations for Board of Directors seats due to expiring terms for all current Directors (Armstrong, Bradbury, Michalko, Noriega, Nunneley, Pedersen, Tchong, West and Yamashita-Lopez). The Board, acting as a Nominating Committee, nominated incumbent Directors Dave Armstrong, Corey Bradbury, Dave Michalko, Lynda Noriega, Ryan

Nunneley, David Pedersen, Ken Tcheng, Marina West and Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, for subsequent two-year terms on the CalMutuals JPRIMA Board of Directors. On a motion by Director Tcheng, seconded by Treasurer West, the Board unanimously approved the nominations by roll call vote of 7-0.

11. Insurance Administrator's Report.

- a. *Insurance Report for the period ending June 30, 2025.* Insurance Administrator Gilmore reviewed the insurance report for the period ending June 30, 2025, provided in the Board meeting packet.
- b. *Update on Proposed Collaboration to address Wildfire liability.* Insurance Administrator Fuller alerted the Board that a JPRIMA member affected by the Palisades fire is likely to be sued for inverse condemnation. Claims for inverse condemnation in wildfire situations continue to be problematic due to legal uncertainty on water suppliers' inverse condemnation liability.

Insurance Administrator Fuller also reported that ACWA declined to join the inverse condemnation coalition with JPRIMA and CWA.

12. Legal Counsel's Report.

- a. *Consideration and approval of proposed amendments to the Restated JPA Agreement to allow participation by water suppliers outside of California in CalMutuals JPRIMA and to address other issues.* At the request of the Board at the June JPRIMA Board meeting, Legal Counsel Ciampa reviewed and amended the Authority's JPA Agreement to allow for membership outside of California and several other amendments to address changes based on how the Authority has operated since its formation. His redlined version of the JPA Agreement is included in the Board meeting packet. On a motion by Director Noriega, seconded by Treasurer West, the Board unanimously approved by roll call 7-0 the proposed amendments to JPRIMA's Restated JPA Agreement to allow participation by water suppliers outside of California in CalMutuals JPRIMA and update the agreement to align with current practices, in the form provided to the meeting.


13. Communications Report. No Communications report.

14. Director Comments. No Director comments.

15. Adjournment. President Michalko adjourned the meeting at 2:40 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

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9/7/2025

P. David Michalko, CalMutuals JPRIMA President

Date