



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES JOINT POWERS RISK AND
INSURANCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
COMBINED ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITY'S MEMBERS AND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24-25, 2022
Citizen Hotel, 926 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814

1. Welcome

President Yamashita Lopez and Executive Director Ortega opened the meeting at 12:00 PM. They welcomed officers, board members, members and guests and shared highlights from 2022 and plans for updating CalMutuals Strategic Plan for the next five years early in 2023.

2. Officers, Insureds/Members and Guests in Attendance

Present

<p><i>Officers and Board:</i> Dave Armstrong, South Mesa Water Company Korey Bradbury, Montebello Land & Water Company Steve Lenton, Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company Dave Michalko, Valencia Heights Water Company Ken Tcheng, Sunny Slope Water Company Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association Jay Zucca, San Andreas Mutual Water Company</p> <p><i>Absent</i> Jim Byerrum, California Domestic Water Company Doug Nunneley, Oildale Mutual Water Company</p>	<p><i>Staff:</i> Jim Ciampa, General Counsel Adán Ortega, Executive Director Susan Allen, Member Services Director Karina Cervantez, Managing Director Ceili Tuttle, Advocacy & Member Services Assistant Tim Worley, Managing Director, Community Water Systems Alliance Yasmeen Nubani, Community Water Systems Alliance Kelly Jensen, Legislative Advocate</p>
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<p><i>Members:</i> Steve Lenton, Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Co Marina West, Bighorn Desert View Water Agency Stan White, Forest Park Mutual Water Company Kandi Jackson, Forest Park Mutual Water Company Cole Jackson, Forest Park Mutual Water Company Jeff Schaefer, Forest Park Mutual Water Company Sandi McElhenney, Krista Mutual Water Company Alex Rodriguez, La Cumbre Mutual Water Co Joan Kotnik, Lake of the Woods Mutual Water Co Nakia Foskett, Lakeside Park Mutual Water Co Ken Bradbury, Montebello Land & Water Co Audrey Dean, Myoma Dunes Water Company Michele Donze, Myoma Dunes Water Company Amanda Davis, Natomas Mutual Water Company</p>	<p><i>Guests:</i> Paul Fuller, CalMutuals JPRIMA Chase Gilmore, CalMutuals JPRIMA Castulo Estrada, Coachella Valley Water District Victoria Llort, Coachella Valley Water District Dan Ferons, Community Water Systems Alliance David McNeil, EPIC Insurance Brokers Shelly Birdzell, EPIC Insurance Brokers Michael Holtorf, High Road Information Technology Shaun Alley, InterWest Insurance Services Mike Waltz, InterWest Insurance Services Maria Kennedy, Kennedy Communications, Inc. David Swisher, Lundy Mutual Water Company Aileen Ehn, Springwood Mutual Water Company</p>
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Scott Hudson, Oak Glen Domestic Water Co Joe Duran, Orange Vale Water Company Armando De La Paz, Rubio Canon Land and Water Gloria Galindo, Valencia Heights Water Co Debbie Patrick, Western Heights Mutual Water Co Brooke Shorey, Western Heights Mutual Water Co	George Fendler, Springwood Mutual Water Company Melissa Patterson, Sutter Mutual Water Company Linda Craven, Willo Glen Water Company Judy Pinegar, Willo Glen Water Company
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3. Certification of Quorum and Election of Board of Directors Members.

General Counsel Jim Ciampa certified that there was a quorum to vote for Board leadership. CalMutuals members total 225 with 101 members submitting proxies, exceeding the 75 members required to meet the 33.3% required for a quorum. Mr. Ciampa further reported on the results of the election, as detailed below.

CalMutuals Board of Directors Election

James Byerrum	69 votes
Korey Bradbury	69 votes
Joe Duran	65 votes
Steven Lenton	62 votes

General Counsel Ciampa advised the Board and membership in attendance that working through tax issues with CalMutuals JPRIMA has highlighted the need to update of the Association’s governing documents to reflect its current efforts in supporting its members and other small water systems. He noted that since the Association’s founding in 2013 its focus and purpose has expanded. CalMutuals’ Articles of Incorporation describe the Association’s purpose as “to pursue issues of common interest among mutual water companies throughout California.”

The Association’s initial focus was on legislative and regulatory advocacy. More recently, CalMutuals has expanded its focus to include assistance to and enhancement of small systems and the governing documents do not reflect this expanded purpose. The Association’s Board of Directors had approved the amendment of the Association’s Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and those amendments were included for member approval in the 2022 meeting materials and Proxy form. The following Proxy designations in favor of those amendments were received, which were sufficient to approve both amendments.

Amendment to the Association’s Articles of Incorporation	69 votes
Amendment to the Association’s Bylaws	67 votes

4. Adjournment

The formal CalMutuals Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM. The joint meeting of the California Association of Mutual Water Companies and CalMutuals Joint Powers Risk and Insurance Management Authority continued with presentations including:

- Advocacy Training facilitated by Ortega Strategies Group and Kelly Jensen of Sloat, Higgins, Jensen
- Update on SWRCB Point of Use and Point of Entry Guidelines from Chad Fischer - Senior Engineer, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water
- Small System Roundtable- Reports, issues, and concerns from small mutual water company attendees