



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES JOINT POWERS RISK AND
INSURANCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 – 1:30 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to Order. President Michalko called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2. Roll Call of Authority Members.

Present:

Dave Armstrong, South Mesa Water
Company
Ken Bradbury, Montebello Land and Water
Company – *Secretary*
Dave Michalko, Valencia Heights Water
Company – *President*
Lynda Noriega, California Domestic Water
Company
Doug Nunneley, Oildale Mutual Water
Company – *Vice President*
Dave Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal
Water District
Marina West, Bighorn-Desert View Water
Agency

Staff

Jim Ciampa, General Counsel
Gloria Galindo, Financial Manager
Susan Allen, Chief Executive Officer
Adan Ortega – Communications Director
Ceili Tuttle, CalMutuals & JPRIMA Staff
Paul Fuller, Insurance Administrator
Chase Gilmore, Insurance Administrator
George Pappas, Insurance Administrator

Members

Steve Lenton, Bellflower-Somerset Water
Company
Sandi McElhenney, Krista Mutual Water
Company

Member(s) of the Public:

Jim Byerrum

Absent

Ken Tchong, Sunny Slope Water Company
Lisa Yamashita-Lopez, Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association
Karina Cervantez, CalMutuals Managing Director

General Counsel Ciampa issued the Oath of Office for the role of Director of California Association of Mutual Water Companies, Joint Powers Risk and Insurance Management Authority to Directors in attendance.

3. Public comment. No public comment.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the JPRIMA Board Meeting on October 17, 2023. On a motion by Secretary Bradbury, seconded by Treasurer West, the minutes of the October Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote.
5. President's Report. President Michalko thanked everyone for their contributions to the success of the CalMutuals JPRIMA Annual Meeting in Bakersfield, California, noting that he found the meeting to be both productive and fun. President Michalko further shared that the Authority has

received notification from the IRS that the Authority's request for refund of 2017 tax payments was denied given that the claim was filed more than three years after the filing of the return. The IRS further notified the Authority that additional time is required to review the request for refund of the 2022 tax payment.

6. Election of Officers. The election of officers is deferred to the December CalMutuals JPRIMA Board of Directors meeting.
7. Consideration and Approval of Demand Sheet. Treasurer West reviewed the Demand Sheet for October 2023 included in the Board of Directors meeting packet. This month's demands include typical management and legal fees, the balance of 2023 grant to CalMutuals and expenses associated with the Annual Meeting. On a motion by Director Armstrong, seconded by Secretary Bradbury, the Board unanimously approved the Demand Sheet for October 2023 as presented by roll call vote.
8. Financial Report. Treasurer West shared an overview of the financial reports for October 2023 included in the Board meeting packet. On a motion by Secretary Bradbury, seconded by Director Armstrong, the Board unanimously approved the financial report for October 2023 for receipt and filing by roll call vote.
9. Chief Executive Officer's Report
 - a. *CalMutuals Annual Meeting Debrief.* CEO Allen invited feedback from the Board on the 2023 Annual Meeting. The Board was generally pleased with the meeting and found the JPRIMA sessions focused on cybersecurity best practices and the tools available through the Zenith Solutions Center to be helpful.
 - b. *CalMutuals October Grant-Related Activity Report.* CEO Allen provided an overview of the grant related activity report for the period ending October 31, 2023, included in the Board meeting packet.
 - c. *CAJPA Accreditation Update.* CEO Allen advised the Board of a planned consultation in the coming week with President Michalko and General Counsel Ciampa to review the list of documents requested by CAJPA for its review of the Authority and consideration of JPRMA's accreditation.
10. Insurance Administrator's Report
 - a. *Insurance Report for period ending October 31, 2023.* Insurance Administrator Gilmore reported that there were no new members/insureds in October. Mr. Gilmore walked through with the Board the Insurance Administrator's report included in the Board meeting packet.
 - b. *Review and Potential Approval of April 1, 2024 to April 1, 2025 JPRIMA Reinsurance Agreement.* Insurance Administrator Fuller recommended a move to Munich RE as the Authority's reinsurer. He advised that Munich RE will provide capacity and sustainability, which is particularly important as the insurance industry faces increasing climate change challenges. General Counsel Ciampa assured the Board that the agreement with Munich Re is substantively similar to the agreement in place with the current reinsurer.

On a motion by Director West, seconded by Secretary Bradbury, the Board unanimously approved the April 1, 2024 to April 1, 2025 JPRIMA Reinsurance Agreement with Munich Re by roll call vote.

- c. *Update on DMV Certificate of Self-Insurance Requirements/Application.* Resolution of certificate of self-insurance requirements for CalMutuals JPRIMA insureds with the DMV and the Authority is still in progress, as reported by Mr. Fuller. He updated the Board that the DMV will hold suspension notices until a suitable work around is identified. CalMutuals JPRIMA will reach out again to the DMV early in the new year.
- d. *PFAS Class Action Lawsuit.* Insurance Administrator Fuller advised the Board of a recently filed PFAS class action lawsuit against a large east coast investor-owned utility. He noted that lawsuit has potential implications for the insurance industry nationwide and he will continue to monitor and provide updates to the Board as they become available.

11. Legal Counsel's Report. No Legal Counsel's report.

12. Communications Report. Communications Director Ortega reminded the board that staff has drafted press releases that highlight the Authority's 2023 Broker of the Year, Hillary Erickson with Atwood Insurance Agency, and Account Executive of the Year, Beth Espinoza with AssuredPartners of California.

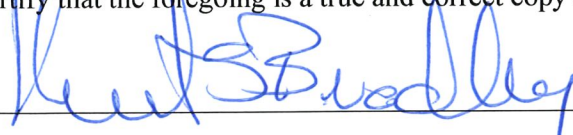
13. Director Comments. No Director comments.

14. Adjournment. President Michalko adjourned the meeting at 1:56 PM.

Agenda Posted: November 18, 2023

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE:

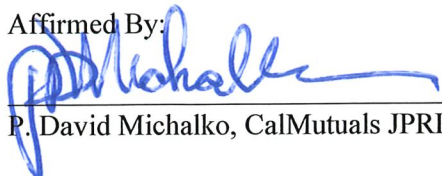
I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes approved by the Board of Directors.



Kenneth Bradbury, CalMutuals JPRIMA Secretary

December 27, 2023

Date

Affirmed By:


P. David Michalko, CalMutuals JPRIMA President

Date