



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES JOINT POWERS RISK
AND INSURANCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY - MINUTES
BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.

By Telephone. Call-in number: +1 512-387-2447 PIN: 235 079 636#

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

2. **Roll Call of Authority Members.**

PRESENT

Board Officers

Jim Byerrum (President and Executive Director, California Domestic Water Company)

Ken Bradbury (Secretary, Montebello Land and Water Company)

Palmer McCoy (Treasurer, Henry Miller Reclamation District #2131)

Board Directors

Dave Armstrong (South Mesa Water Company)

Ken Tcheng (Sunny Slope Water Company)

Lisa Yamashita-Lopez (Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association)

Insurance Administrator

Paul Fuller

Mia Garza

ABSENT

Dave Michalko (Vice-President, Valencia Heights Water Company)

Doug Nunneley (Oildale Mutual Water Company)

Myra Malner (Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer)

Members

Steve Lenton (Bellflower Somerset Water Company)

Lynda Noriega, California Domestic Water Company

Staff

Jim Ciampa (General Counsel)

Adán Ortega (Communications Director)

Susan Allen (Managing Director)

Gabriel Dima Smith (Staff)

3. **Public comment.** No public comment.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the CalMutuals JPRIMA Board Meeting on July 16, 2019.** On a motion made by Director Tcheng, seconded by Secretary Bradbury, the minutes of the June 18, 2019 JPRIMA Board meeting were unanimously approved, as submitted.

5. President's Report

a) Update on Employee Benefits insurance options for CalMutuals JPRIMA

President Byerrum updated the board on a recent meeting with Scott Pierrat of WSP Corporate Benefits & Insurance. WSP has over 35 years of experience in employee benefits insurance and currently insures more than 30 water utility clients. President Byerrum proposed that CalMutuals JPRIMA develop a partnership with WSP, initially as a preferred provider and without a formal JPRIMA product. Over time, when we have more than 100 enrollees and an "experience mod" of sorts we could offer insurance through JPRIMA. Partnership with California Rural Water Association is an option as well.

Director Yamashita-Lopez asked about potential sponsorship by WSP as well as likely revenue for CalMutuals JPRIMA and CalMutuals through the partnership. President Byerrum advised that he is reasonably certain that WSP would be interested in extending support to the JPA and Association. Revenue opportunities would likely not emerge until enrollment in employee benefits policies reaches 2,000.

Directors Armstrong and Yamashita-Lopez suggested consultation with other brokers as a next step. President Byerrum will reach out to Board for recommendations regarding brokers we would like to consult.

b) State Office of Self Insurance Programs.

President Byerrum advised the Board of new reporting requirements from the agency that oversees Workers' Comp programs. Assistant Treasurer Malner will work with the Chief Financial Officers of Zenith and Allied Public Risk to develop the required report. President Byerrum additionally noted that compliance with the new requirements will likely impact CalMutuals JPRIMA's accounting and audit expenses.

6. Consideration and Approval of Demand Sheet

On a motion Secretary Bradbury seconded by Director Tcheng, the Demand Sheet was unanimously approved as presented.

7. Financial Report

President Byerrum asked Board to review the July financial reports and invited questions. On a motion by Director Armstrong, seconded by Secretary Bradbury, the financial reports were unanimously received and filed.

8. Insurance Administrator's Report

Insurance Administrators Fuller and Garza provided an overview of the July insurance report.

9. Legal Counsel's Report

Legal Counsel Ciampa reported on a recent Supreme Court case focused on Inverse Condemnation. The decision is positive for public agencies, as it affirmed that there needs to be causation for inverse condemnation liability to apply.

10. Resources/Education Report.

Managing Director Allen reviewed the July Resources and Education report with the Board. She highlighted the new CalMutuals Financial Review Checklist for small mutual water companies developed by Assistant Treasurer Malner and this month's engagement by members in continuing education courses, AB54/AB240 training for mutual water company Board of Directors members and background check services.

11. Communications Report. No communications report.

12. Director Comments. No Directors comments.

13. Adjournment. President Byerrum adjourned the meeting at 1:55 PM.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

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

Ken Bradbury, CalMutuals JPRIMA Secretary

Date

Affirmed by:

Jim Byerrum, CalMutuals JPRIMA President

Date