

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES JOINT POWERS RISK AND INSURANCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020 1:30 PM - MINUTES

Zoom Meeting

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1. <u>Call to Order.</u> President Byerrum called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2. Roll Call.

PRESENT

Board Officers

Jim Byerrum (President and Executive Director, California Domestic Water

Company)

Ken Bradbury (Secretary, Montebello

Land and Water Company)

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

Board Directors

Dave Armstrong (South Mesa Water

Company)

Doug Nunneley (Oildale Mutual Water

Company

Dave Pedersen (Las Virgenes Municipal

Water District)

Ken Tcheng (Sunny Slope Water

Company)

Lisa Yamashita-Lopez (Rubio Cañon

Land and Water Association)

Staff

Jim Ciampa (General Counsel)

Myra Malner (Assistant Secretary and

Assistant Treasurer)

Adán Ortega (Communications

Director)

Susan Allen (Managing Director)

Logan Largent (Staff)

Members

Korey Bradbury (Montebello Land &

Water)

Steve Lenton (Bellflower Somerset

Water Company)

ABSENT

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

Insurance Administrator: Mia Garza

3. <u>Public comment</u>. No public comment.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the CalMutuals JPRIMA Board Meetings on June 16, 2020 and July 7, 2020. On a motion by Secretary Bradbury, seconded by Director Michalko the minutes of the June 16, 2020 regular Board of Directors meeting and July 7, 2020 special Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved.

5. <u>President's Report</u>. President Byerrum advised the Board of his interest in pursuing membership for CalMutuals JPRIMA in the California Special Districts Association (CDSA). He reminded the Board that we initially planned to attend the association conferences as a vendor. Managing Director Allen will bring a proposal to the Board for review at the August meeting.

President Byerrum additionally advised the Board of efforts underway to explore opportunities for CalMutuals JPRIMA to access capacity building resources through the State Revolving Fund with an experienced and successful grant writer that has recently been working with Dave Armstrong and has a long relationship with Adan Ortega. A formal proposal will be developed for review by the Board.

6. Consideration and Approval of Authority's 2019 Federal Income Tax Return
Assistant Treasure Malner shared an overview of the CalMutuals JPRIMA 2019
federal tax return included in the Board package. The Authority is subject to federal taxes until our application for tax exempt status is formally approved. The application will be submitted following the August Board meeting to allow comment from our insureds/members on proposed bylaw changes which clarify CalMutuals membership and CalMutuals JPRIMA eligibility.

Ms. Malner shared the good news that James Marta and Associates determined that for purposes of the state of California that the Authority is a government entity.

7. Consideration and Approval of Demand Sheet.

Assistant Treasurer Malner reviewed the Demand sheet provided in the Board meeting packet. She noted that the fee for accounting and administration previously paid to Cal Domestic will remain the same with Rowland Water District. On a motion by Director Pedersen, seconded by Director Armstrong, the Demand Sheet was unanimously approved.

8. Financial Report

Assistant Treasurer Malner reviewed the June financial report included in the Board meeting packet. She highlighted that the cash balance as of July 30, 2020 reflects a 58.7% increase in cash balance over last year. Cash inflow is primarily from insurance fees. On a motion by Secretary Bradbury, seconded by President Byerrum, the financial report was unanimously received and filed as submitted.

- 9. <u>Insurance Administrator's Report</u>. Insurance Administrator Fuller provided a high-level update on activities as of July 1, 2020. CalMutuals JPRIMA secured 10 insureds/members, generating an additional \$350K in premiums. Mr. Fuller noted that some of our competitors are pulling back on competitiveness due to increased levels of claims that have resulted in significant premium increases. We will continue to closely watch the trends and hope to maintain rate levels below the market.
- 6. General Counsel's Report. No General Counsel's report.

- 7. Resources/Education Report. Managing Director Allen highlighted that there is steady interest in continuing education through the American Water College and our AB54/AB240 training. This month CalMutuals and CalMutuals JPRIMA received requests for billing and personnel management guidance in the context of COVID 19, requests for guidance from new board members in understanding fundamental requirements for mutual water companies and request for direction to information about system specific water quality issues.
- 8. <u>Communications Report</u>. Communications Director Ortega advised the Board of an offer from CMUA for protective equipment for CalMutuals and CalMutuals JPRIMA members.
- 9. Director Comments. No Director's comments.
- 10. Adjournment. President Byerrum adjourned the meeting at 1:52 PM.

Agenda Posted: July 17, 2020
SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE: