



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES JOINT POWERS RISK
AND INSURANCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY - MINUTES
BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.

By Telephone. Call-in number: (US) +1 440-834-2199 PIN: 678 081 787#

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)

Board Directors

Dave Armstrong (South Mesa Water Company)

Doug Nunneley

Ken Tcheng (Sunny Slope Water Company)

Insurance Administrator

Mia Garza

Absent

Ken Bradbury (Secretary, Montebello Land and Water Company)

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

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

Paul Fuller (Insurance Administrator)

Members

Lynda Noriega, California Domestic Water Company

Staff

Jim Ciampa (General Counsel)

Myra Malner

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 August 20, 2019** On a motion by Director Tcheng, seconded by President Byerrum the minutes of the August 20, 2019 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

5. **President's Report**

President Byerrum reminded board members to share the name and contact information for insurance brokers we wish to engage for potential provision of employee benefits insurance to JPRIMA Insureds/Members.

President Byerrum advised the Board that he has continued to explore potential partnerships with other associations to address employee benefits insurance as well. President Byerrum asked ACWA-JPIA if it might be possible for JPRIMA to join to allow our Insureds/Members to take advantage of employee benefits and they are looking into whether this might be an option. ACWA-JPIA's program would offer savings given that benefits are not age bracketed.

President Byerrum reported that he attended the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities (CAJPA) meeting, which is a conference for JPAs that sell insurance throughout California, primarily for schools. Information shared at the conference made clear that the reinsurance market in California is tough. Many reinsurers are abandoning the California market and premium increases of up to 200% are anticipated this year. New legislation will potentially add to the already difficult market. One example is AB 218, a bill that will open a window of three years to resolve issues at a school associated with sexual harassment and will open a three-year window, starting on January 1, 2020, during which civil lawsuits for child sexual abuse that occurred in California without regard to statutes of limitations.

President Byerrum noted that this insight has bolstered his appreciation for the CalMutuals JPRIMA insurance team.

Finally, President Byerrum updated the Board on the engagement of auditor, James Marta LLP, to assist Assistant Treasurer Malner in preparing new financial reports required of CalMutuals JPRIMA.

6. **Consideration and Approval of Demand Sheet.** Assistant Treasurer Malner reviewed the Demand Sheet with the board. On a motion by Director Michalko, seconded by Director Armstrong the demand sheet was unanimously approved.
7. **Financial Report.** Assistant Treasurer Malner provided highlights of CalMutuals JPRIMA budget and cash flow and noted that we are projecting a robust end of the year cash balance. On a motion by Director Armstrong, seconded by Director Michalko, the financial report was unanimously received and filed as submitted.
8. **Insurance Administrator's Report.** Insurance Administrator Garza reported that as of August 30, CalMutuals JPRIMA has 261 members and annual income to JPA of just under \$300,000. She further noted that several large agencies in are in the pipeline for Property and Casualty insurance and potentially for Workers' Compensation insurance as well.

President Byerrum expressed appreciation for the new schedule of members provided to the Board as part of the Insurance Administrator's report.

9. Legal Counsel's Report – No Legal Counsel's Report

10. Resources/Education Report. Managing Director Allen reviewed the Resources Report provided in the Board packet.

11. Communications Report. No Communications Report.

12. Director Comments. No Director Comments.

13. Adjournment. President Byerrum adjourned the meeting at 1:48 PM.

Agenda Posted: September 12, 2019

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