



**California Association of Mutual Water Companies, Joint Powers Insurance Management Authority  
Annual Meeting, March 16, 2018**

**Location:** Zenith Insurance Company - 21255 Califa St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367

**Attendance in Person in Woodland Hills:**

Jim Byerrum, Board President	Steve Lenton, Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company
Jim Ciampa, Counsel	Lynda Noriega, California Domestic Water Company
Myra Evangelista, Treasurer	Dina Hidalgo, Central Basin Municipal Water District
Paul Fuller, Insurance Administrator, Allied Public Risk	Larry Duncan, Lincoln Avenue Water Company
Susan Allen, Staff	Christine Graves, Allied Public Risk
Adan Ortega, Staff	Lee Kartchner, Allied Public Risk
Ken Tcheng, Board Member, Sunny Slope Water Company	Jay Kerschner, American Water College
Karen Maas, Sunny Slope Water Company	Michael Rothenheoffer, Allied Public Risk
Mark Iverson, Western Heights Water Company	
Tim Green, Western Heights Water Company	

**Attendance Remotely through WebEx:**

David Armstrong, Board Member, South Mesa Water Company  
 Vadim Livshits, San Diego County Water Authority  
 Palmer McCoy, Board Member, Henry Miller Reclamation District #2131/San Luis Canal Company  
 David Michalko, Board Member, Valencia Heights Water Company  
 Doug Nunneley, Board Member, Oildale Mutual Water Company

**I. Meeting Called to Order 10:00 AM**

**II. Welcome and President’s Report**

CalMutuals JPRIMA President, Jim Byerrum, extended a welcome to members and partners attending the Annual meeting -in person and remotely. President Byerrum noted that CalMutuals JPRIMA has grown significantly in both size and stature since its founding and has come to be highly regarded and competitive with peer insurance providers.

**III. Determination of Quorum & Election of Officers**

CalMutuals JPRIMA Counsel, Jim Ciampa certified that there was a quorum to vote for Board leadership. CalMutuals/JPRIMA members total 217 and 58 proxies (26.6%) were returned. Mr. Ciampa further reported on the results of the election, as detailed below. President Byerrum extended congratulations to all.

Jim Byerrum	54 Votes	Jacqui Noel	52 Votes
David Armstrong	53 Votes	Doug Nunneley	51 Votes
Ken Bradbury	52 Votes	Kenneth Tcheng	51 Votes
Palmer McCoy	51 Votes	Lisa Yamashita-Lopez	52 Votes
Dave Michalko	52 Votes		

**IV. Financial Report**

CalMutuals JPRIMA Treasurer, Myra Evangelista provided a report of the JPA’s December 31, 2016 audited financial statements, by providing details of the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position.

## **V. Insurance Administrator's Report**

Insurance Administrator, Paul Fuller, provided an update on the CalMutuals JPRIMA insurance in 2016 and 2017. Allied Public Risk, provider of Property and Liability coverage, has worked hard to keep rates low. Modest increases for the coming year are attributable to recent natural disasters, including Southern California wildfires. Mr. Fuller noted that CalMutuals JPRIMA is the "best in class" insurance for public water systems and provides technical support as well as advocacy for small systems.

## **VI. California Association of Mutual Water Companies (CalMutuals) Report**

Adan Ortega, CalMutuals Executive Director, provided highlights of legislative bills being tracked by CalMutuals, including the organization's sponsorship of AB3057 (Quirk-Silva) to bring the California state tax code into conformity with the Federal tax code to extend tax-exempt status for mutual water companies on the state level. Other priority bills being tracked include proposals to expedite the consolidation of small systems (AB2050-Caballero); limitations on water service shut-offs for non-payment by customers (SB998-Dodd); and the assessment of affordability in the adoption of new regulations affecting small water systems by the State Water Resources Control Board.

## **VII. Introduction of JPRIMA Partners & Initiatives**

### **A. American Water College**

Susan Allen introduced a new CalMutuals JPRIMA Continuing Education initiative that will offer Water Treatment, Distribution System, and Wastewater training programs designed to help CalMutuals' members keep up to date and meet CEU requirements. Courses will be free to mutual water companies with 200 or fewer connections that join CalMutuals and CalMutuals/JPRIMA members who hold both Property and Liability and Workers Compensation policies through CalMutuals JPRIMA. All other CalMutuals members enjoy a 25% discount on regular American Water College rates.

American Water College Executive Director Jay Kerschner provided background about the American Water College and provided an overview of the robust curriculum.

### **B. American Association of Water Distribution & Management (AAWD&M)**

Paul Fuller provided an update on efforts underway to develop resources for water agency leaders through a new "Thought Leadership Lab." A series of high quality videos are in development, with focus on topics including Inverse Condemnation, Emerging Cyber Threats, and Emerging Human Resource Challenges.

### **C. Zenith Insurance Company**

Kari Lynn Van Gundy, President & CEO of the Zenith Insurance Company, extended greetings to all in attendance and expressed enthusiasm for the continued partnership between the Zenith Insurance Company and CalMutuals JPRIMA.

## **VII. Becoming Better Purchasers of Workers' Compensation Insurance Claims Services**

Davidson Pattiz, Chief Operating Officer & Executive Vice President at Zenith Insurance Company, shared insights into forces that influence Workers' Compensation insurance and provided tips for being savvy consumers and insureds. A copy of Mr. Pattiz' presentation is available online on the CalMutuals JPRIMA website.

## **VIII. Members' Comments / Open Forum and Lunch – No comments received.**

## **IX. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

**Special Thanks to Kari Lynn Van Gundy, Davidson Pattiz, Chris Smith and Susy Castillo for their generous support in making the CalMutuals JPRIMA Annual Meeting a success!**