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CalMutuals JPRIMA Announces Blankenburg as 2017 Broker of the Year Recipient



Ventura, California, September 19, 2018 -- The California Association of Mutual Water Companies (CalMutuals) Joint Powers Risk & Insurance Management Authority (JPRIMA) announced that Susan Blankenburg was selected as the 2017 Broker of the Year recipient. The announcement was made by CalMutuals JPRIMA in conjunction with the Board of Directors strategic planning workshop at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Ventura, California. CalMutuals JPRIMA President & CEO Jim Byerrum said: “Susan has demonstrated her acumen and advocacy for public water systems throughout California and continually moves the industry needle on coverage breadth, premium stability, and service delivery.”

Blankenburg is an Executive Vice President of Arthur J. Gallagher’s Public Entity practice. Ms. Blankenburg represents scores of individual and group public entity clients from her San Francisco office, with many of these client relationships spanning a decades of service.

CalMutuals JPRIMA Insurance Administrator Paul Fuller added that “Susan’s client trust and experience made her selection well deserved.” JPRIMA’s Broker of the Year award is based on deliberations by its board of directors, with selection criteria encompassing member interaction as well as technical support and product augmentation. It serves as the premier broker award for the authority. Additional awards for partnership and advocacy were presented at the September 14th annual meeting.

CalMutuals JPRIMA additionally recognized Michael Roethnhoefer of Allied Public Risk with a Lifetime Champion Award and Oscar Pineiro of Inland Counties Insurance Services and David McNeil of EPIC Insurance Brokers & Consultants with 2017 JPRIMA Excellence Awards.

Byerrum added that “JPRIMA relies solidly on the skills and support of committed brokers like Susan and Michael, Oscar and David. We view their contributions as integral to our success and proudly call them valued partners and trusted advisors.”

CalMutuals JPRIMA was founded in 2016 after enactment of AB656 (Garcia), authorizing mutual water companies to form and participate in a joint powers authority, to provide pooled insurance for mutual water companies and other water systems. Since then the CalMutuals JPRIMA has grown from 14 members to over 250 representing among the smallest and largest water suppliers in California. CalMutuals JPRIMA is governed by a nine (9) member board of directors from around the state and is currently developing a portfolio of risk management and safety tools for its members.