



# California Association of Mutual Water Companies

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## CalMutuals Monthly Newsletter

### April 2015

**Join us on May 8th for our Lunch & Learn Workshop!**

**Topic: Dealing with the Governor's Drought Order and  
Tapping into Financial Solutions**

Please join us on Friday, May 8th for our lunch and learn workshop to discuss dealing with the Governor's drought order and tapping into financial solutions. Details are as follows:

**DATE:** Friday, May 8th

**TIME:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Montebello Land & Water Company (344 E Madison Ave, Montebello, CA 90640)

**COST:** \$25 (Members) / \$35 (Nonmembers) – **Lunch is Included**



Can't attend in person? If you are unable to attend in person, no problem! We will be filming the workshop and adding the video to our website for easy viewing. For members who are unable to view the video online, please contact our office and we'll be happy to mail a hard copy DVD format.

For those who are unable to attend in person, please share your questions/concerns and we'll ask on your behalf! We want to make sure that no question on the meeting topic is left unanswered.

Please submit your questions by Thursday, May 7th to Denise Peralta Gailey via email at [Denise@CalMutuals.org](mailto:Denise@CalMutuals.org) or by phone at (714) 449-3397 and we'll be sure to ask your questions on your behalf.

For additional details or to RSVP, please [click here](#).

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## California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) Funding Fairs

CalMutuals was present at the first 2015 California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) Funding Fair held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in San Diego.

CFCC is comprised of six funding members: four state, two federal. CFCC agencies include: California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank), Department of Water Resources (DWR), Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).



CFCC agencies fund *primarily* the following types of infrastructure projects:

- Drinking water
- Wastewater
- Water quality
- Water supply
- Water conservation
- Water use efficiency
- Energy efficiency
- Flood management

**We encourage CalMutuals Members to attend!** In addition to learning about funding opportunities, CFCC funding fairs agencies meet with attendees one-on-one to learn about specific projects for which funding is needed. CFCC members will match specific projects to available resources and identify additional resources to fill “gaps” in project funding. For members who are able to attend, please be prepared to share the specifics of the project for which you need assistance. Please note that some of the CFCC funding members have exhausted their funding for the remainder of the year but are looking for applicants to prepare for next year’s funding programs.

There is no cost to attend and attendees will be provided with additional materials.

Below is the list of funding fairs scheduled for the remainder of this year:

### **May 6**

Southern California Edison - Energy Education Center  
4175 S. Laspina  
Tulare, CA 93274

### **June 3**

City of Eureka - Wharfinger Building  
1 Mariner Way  
Eureka, CA 95501

**August 5**

Truckee Town Hall - Council Chambers  
10183 Truckee Airport Road  
Truckee, CA 96161

**September 2**

City of Watsonville - Community Room  
275 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Watsonville, CA 95076

**September 23**

Sacramento County Sanitation  
10060 Goethe Road  
Sacramento, CA 95827

To download the flyer for the funding fairs, [click here](#).

For a copy of the funding fair workbook and additional details, [please click here](#).

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**Pump/Motor Replacement Rebate Available Through SCE!**

Have you recently rebuilt or replaced a 50hp or smaller pump/motor, or are planning to do so in the near future? If so, rebates through Southern California Edison's 'pump energy efficiency incentive program' are available!



SCE pump test is NOT required. Incentives for water utilities is calculated at \$50.00 per HP

**Here's a list of what is needed:**

1. A copy of the paid pump invoice showing one of the following: rebuilding or replacing the pump bowl assembly/impeller; trimming the existing impeller on a booster pump; or adjusting the bowl and impeller on a deep well pump.
2. Make, model number, pump type , and HP of pump, should be on the invoice
3. SCE service account number where the pump was replaced
4. Signed Page 10 of Energy Efficiency Application
5. Signed W-9
6. Signed CA-590

To apply, [click here](#).

## AB 656 Passes First Legislative Hurdle

AB 656, CalMutuals-sponsored legislation, unanimously passed (9-0) its first legislative hurdle on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> during the bill's hearing with the Assembly Local Government Committee.

As referenced in previous newsletters, AB 656 authored by Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (58<sup>th</sup> District), allows two or more mutual water companies and one or more public agencies, to enter into a joint powers agreement (JPA) for risk-pooling resources thereby lowering insurance costs.



The formation of a JPA could not only lead to lower insurance costs but more importantly – the use of residuals (that in the open market go to taxes) will revert back to the JPA to provide technical assistance, including grant wiring, legal compliance and financial management training.

As eligible applicants for water bond - Proposition 1 - funds, the success of AB 656 is the vehicle that will assist mutual water companies in applying for infrastructure and water quality improvement funding.

The bill will be heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee in the coming weeks.

We will continue to keep our members apprised on the status of the legislation.

For questions, please contact Denise Peralta Gailey at 714-449-3397 or via email her at [Denise@CalMutuals.org](mailto:Denise@CalMutuals.org)

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## AB 1077 Successfully Amended by CalMutuals

### Hosting Board Meeting by Telephone or Computer No Longer Required

AB 1077, a bill by Assemblyman Chris Holden, would have required a mutual water company to allow any eligible person who was unable to provide at least 24-hour notice to attend a board meeting the ability to participate in the meeting by technology, a telephone or computer.



Members of CalMutuals' board of directors and staff met with the author of the legislation, Assemblyman Chris Holden, in Sacramento in early April to express concerns regarding the bill; most notably – the limited technological capabilities by some mutual water companies and the inability to monitor or verify who would have remote access to information discussed during the meeting.

The bill has since been amended to allow a mutual water company the option to host its board meetings via a telephone or computer, if members are unable to meet in person, or to allow audience participation via such remote means. **The legislation *does not* require the use of such technology.**

In its original form, the legislation unfairly targeted mutual water companies. However, the bill now provides mutual water companies, particularly those serving transient communities, the ability to manage board affairs without having to meet in person.

The bill may now be a helpful tool for mutual water companies rather than an additional and unnecessary regulation.

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