

# CAMWC Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, February 10, 2016 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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# **Agenda**

#### 9:30 a.m.:

- 1) Call to Order (Chairman Byerrum)
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Chairman's Report
- 4) Executive Director's Report
- 5) Approval of December 17, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
- 6) Budget Report (Attached Separately)
  - a. Review and Approval of Demand Sheet
  - b. Financial Statements
  - C. JPIA Loan Authorization
- 7) Organizational Matters
  - a. Resignation of Chairman/President Jim Byerrum
  - b. Installation of Vice President Lisa Yamashita-Lopez as President
- 8) Amending Bylaws
- 9) Committee Organization
- 10) Annual Meeting
  - a. Date & Location
  - b. Speaker Topics
- 11) Mutuals 101/Legislative Day
- 12) Director Comments
- 13) Adjourn (10:30 a.m.)

# California Association of Mutual Water Companies (CAMWC) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 17, 2015

**Call to Order:** Chairman Byerrum called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

<u>Present:</u> Jim Byerrum (Director, Chair), Lisa Yamashita-Lopez (Director, Vice President), Dave Michalko (Director, Secretary), Ken Deck (Director, Treasurer), Dave Armstrong (Director), Doug Nunneley (Director), Ken Tcheng (Director), Myra Evangelista (Staff, Treasurer), Adan Ortega (Staff, Executive Director), Monica Valencia (Staff), Tristan Tardy (staff), Jim Ciampa (Legal Counsel).

**Absent:** Ken Bradbury (Director)

**Financial Report and Demand Sheet:** Treasurer Evangelista provided an overview of CAMWC finances. The demand sheet indicated a total balance of \$20,157.75. The balance sheet, as of November 2015, included total liabilities & equity of \$77,984.34. The profit & loss report, covering January-November 2015, reported a net income of \$9,636.48.

**2016 Budget Report and Membership Dues:** Treasurer Evangelista reviewed the 2016 CAMWC budget report which included an estimate of \$194,700 in total revenues, and an ending balance of \$6,744. It was noted that Charter Membership Dues in the amount of \$24,000 were received in December 2015. Loyalty discounts on membership was discussed. Executive Director Ortega will prepare a letter to associate members on what is being done to enhance CAMWC membership. On a motion made by Director Armstrong, the report was unanimously approved.

<u>Cal Mutuals JPIA Update:</u> Legal Counsel Ciampa discussed the status of the JPIA formation. The Insurance Administrator Agreement, which will address damages, is being drafted. Funding, not to exceed \$10,000, was allocated to create website and basic collateral materials. The amount will be reimbursed by the second quarter of 2016. Nancy Steele has been secured as the grant writer. Ciampa is scheduling an organizational meeting of the JPIA on January 4. The meeting time and place are still being finalized.

<u>Legislative Committee Report:</u> The committee agreed that a comment letter to the State Water Resources Control Board would be drafted to address proposed legislation to authorize the Board to order water system trusteeships and control formation of new water supply entities. The committee is also planning for a Mutuals 101 Sacramento legislative briefing.

<u>Cal Mutuals 2016 Annual Meeting:</u> The date has been tentatively set on Thursday, March 10 from 10:30 a.m. -1 p.m., including lunch. John Covington, water director, California Rural Water Association, and Sanjay Gaur, of Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., were recommended speakers for the meeting.

**Chairman's Report:** Chair Byerrum thanked everyone for their participation and accomplishments.

**Executive Director's Report:** No comments on this item.

**Director Comments**: No comments on this item.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Byerrum adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

February 9, 2016

Adan Ortega, Jr., Executive Director California Association of Mutual Water Companies 1400 N. Harbor Blvd., Suite 510 Fullerton, CA 92835

Dear Adan,

I am honored to have served as chairman of CalMutuals and to have worked with such a dedicated hardworking team of directors. The growth and accomplishments of the organization are astounding and although in only its third year, CalMutuals is looked at as a seasoned, well managed, and innovative leader in the field of water industry advocates and assistance providers. The professional talented team you lead of Jim C., Denise, Myra, Kelly, Monica, and Tristan are the core of the organization and well poised for CalMutuals continued success. Due to the success and growth of CalMutuals, it is not with regret, but with pride that I tender my resignation as Chairperson of the CalMutuals Board of Directors effective immediately. If desired, I am committed to serving CalMutuals and to working for its continued growth and success.

Respectfully yours,

Jim Byerrum

TO: Board of Directors, California Association of Mutual Water Companies

FROM: Adán Ortega, Executive Director

DATE: February 10, 2016

SUBJECT: Board Committee Organizational Options for 2016

With the enactment of AB 656 (C. Garcia), and formation of CalMutuals JPRIMA, CalMutuals has an opportunity to focus on its original mission: To advocate for California's mutual water companies.

Taking into account the 2016 budget constraints, listed below are options for advocating on behalf of our members. The options focus on: (1) ensuring that staff acts with the consent of board leadership, and (2) continued engagement of board members through their leadership, interest, availability, resourcefulness and willingness to travel to Sacramento and/or around the state to speak on behalf of our members. In both options, organizational matters would be handled by an Executive Committee made up of the Board's Officers; and each Task Force and/or Committee would be led by a Chairperson.

### Option 1: Establish Issue-based Task Forces

This option proposes two issue-based Task Forces that would meet as needed during the legislative session, or when regulatory matters of interest arise.

#### Task Force on Safe Drinking Water

Issues: Enactment, adoption, compliance with safe drinking water standards (i.e. treatment for hexavalent chromium, perchlorate, nitrates, arsenic, TCE, etc.), the human right to water, and associated costs as they impact mutual water companies

Forums: Division of Safe Drinking Water, Legislature

#### Task Force on Governance & Transparency

Issues: Groundwater reform (i.e. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act), consolidations, AB 54 (Solorio), AB 240 (Rendon), other related legislation, state tax provisions

#### **Option 2:** Establish Legislative and Regulatory Committees

#### <u>Legislative Committee</u>

The Legislative Committee would stay abreast of overall legislation and provide direction on responses to selected bills, and corresponding amendments.

## **Regulatory Committee**

The Regulatory Committee would review the activities of regulatory agencies such as the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Water Resources, and relevant bureaus and agencies, and provide direction to staff on comment letters, testimony, and issues of concern.