



CalMutuals Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 6, 2017
10:00 a.m. or upon adjournment of the JPRIMA Board Meeting
Montebello Land & Water Co.
344 E Madison Ave, Montebello, CA 90640

Agenda

10:00 a.m.:

- 1) Call to Order (Chair Yamashita-Lopez)
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Review and Approval of August 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes
- 4) Chair's Report
- 5) Legislative Committee
- 6) Transfer of Regulatory Affairs Committee to JPRIMA
- 7) California Water Fix
- 8) Director Comments
- 9) Executive Director's Report
- 10) 2018 Legislative Priorities
 - a. Policy Principles
 - b. Lobby Day
 - c. Nominations for CalMutuals Awards (in District Awards Ceremony)
- 11) Realignment of Membership Dues Schedule
- 12) Adjourn (12:00 p.m.)

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California Association of Mutual Water Companies (CalMutuals)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2017

Call to Order: Vice President Dave Armstrong called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Present: Dave Armstrong (Director, Vice President), Doug Nunneley (Director), Jim Byerrum (Director), Ken Bradbury (Director), Ken Tchong (Director), Adan Ortega (Staff, Executive Director), Denise Peralta Gailey (Staff, Managing Director), Myra Evangelista (Staff, Treasurer), Jim Ciampa (Legal Counsel).

Absent: Lisa Yamashita-Lopez (Director, President & Chair), Dave Michalko (Director, Secretary), Rick Cook (Director).

Review and Approval of the July 18, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes: On a motion made by Director Byerrum, seconded by Director Bradbury, the July 18, 2017 board meeting minutes were unanimously approved, as submitted.

Chair's Report: Due to Chair Yamashita-Lopez's absence, Vice President Armstrong provided brief comments urging the board to, if they had not done so already, read President Yamashita-Lopez's op-ed in the Sacramento Bee regarding the Chrom6 ruling. Executive Director Ortega added that the management of the association's finances would be transferred from Myra Evangelista to Susan Allen at Ortega Strategies Group (OSG). Executive Director Ortega added that more details will be discussed during the September in-person board meeting.

Executive Director's Report: No additional comments.

Committee Chairs' Report: Vice President Armstrong reported that the legislative committee convened on July 19th to discuss a variety of bills including; (1) SB 623 – a bill that may implement a public benefits charge on water users to fund operations and maintenance charges and capital projects for disadvantaged communities; (2) AB 1323 regarding the governor's conservation mandate, (3) SB 372 regarding the implementation of the sustainable groundwater management act, and (4) the proposed water bonds. Vice President Armstrong added that the next legislative committee meeting would be taking place on Wednesday, August 16th. Director Ken Tchong reported that the regulatory affairs committee convened by phone on August 15th and discussed; (1) 1,2,3-TCP, (2) Chrom6, and (3) AB 401 – Low Income Water Rate Assistance Program.

Budget Report: Treasurer Evangelista provided an overview of the demand sheet. On a motion made by Director Nunneley, seconded by Director Bradbury, the demand sheet was unanimously approved.

Director Comments: None.

Adjourn: Vice President Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

September 26, 2017

Randy A. Record, Chairman
MWD of Southern California
City of Los Angeles
700 N. Alameda St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: California WaterFix Project – Support

Dear Mr. Record:

On behalf of [WATER AGENCY], I am writing to express strong support for the California WaterFix. We encourage the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to take the appropriate steps to move the project forward.

Southern Californians have the right to expect a clean and reliable water supply. Regrettably, the delivery system moving water to our region is old, vulnerable and in desperate need of improvement.

Today more than 60 percent of California's water supply comes from the Sierra Nevada mountains. Melted snow from these mountains provides the backbone supply – along with good jobs and quality of life – for Californians generally and Southern Californians specifically. The current infrastructure puts this supply at risk, thus we need the reliability California WaterFix will provide. A modernized delivery system will ensure that water from the Sierra Nevadas will continue to be delivered to Southern California for generations to come.

We're not alone in our support. There is strong backing for California WaterFix in the region. Nearly two-thirds (64 percent) of Southern California voters support the project, according to results released from a recent public opinion survey commissioned by Southern California Water Committee (SCWC). It is now time for our decision-makers and stakeholders to listen to their constituents and take the necessary steps to help advance construction of this vital project.

We appreciate your consideration and leadership at this time.

Sincerely,

[NAME]
[POSITION TITLE]
[WATER AGENCY]

Attachment(s):

[ATTACHMENT – RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT]

DRAFT
CalMutuals Policy Principles Framework
For AB401 & SB623
Human Right to Water, Affordability and Helping Disadvantaged Communities

The State of California has adopted laws declaring the Human Right to Water and requiring the State Water Board to develop a plan to provide low income earners with water rate assistance (AB401). Legislation is also being considered to create funding sources to support capital improvements and operations and management support for disadvantaged communities (SB623). The Board of Directors of the California Association of Mutual Water Companies (CalMutuals) desires to set forth its Policy Principles Framework with respect to the issues connected with such low income assistance contemplated by AB401 and funding alternatives to be included in SB623, including assistance to small water systems and/or water systems service economically disadvantaged communities.

Priority of Funding

CalMutuals supports a solution that provides funding for both required capital improvements and ongoing operations and management costs.

Technical assistance programs and grants should include funding of actions needed to comply with Safe Drinking Water regulations.

Funding must be given high priority in improving the efficiency of regional supply systems by helping individual systems reduce leaks and recover inoperable wells.

Program Administration

CalMutuals supports state partnerships with other public agencies (such as the Joint Powers Risk & Insurance Management Authority (JPRIMA)) and other non-governmental non-profit organizations whose mission is to provide technical, managerial and financial support.

The ability of the state to afford, deploy and provide technical assistance must be a factor seriously considered in the assessment of affordability and economic feasibility of drinking water regulations.

Funding Sources

Innovative funding sources should be developed, including, but not limited to, for example, cause-specific assessments on parties responsible for contamination through a tax on settlements and awards in groundwater and soil contamination cases where a percentage is contributed by the responsible party to a state fund addressing all regulated contaminants

A general assessment levied on users to be deposited in a state fund addressing capital and O&M for water systems in need, must be anchored on the concept of “regional efficiency” where regional reliability improves when individual systems repair leaks, reactivate previously contaminated wells, and make other improvements that expand the pool of available supplies for all users.

To the maximum extent possible, the state could look to general obligation bonds, the State Revolving Fund and the state’s general fund to provides monies for the purposes contemplated by AB401 and SB623.

The state should also consider other regional options to help improve the water supply infrastructure of small, poor and disadvantaged communities in context of current efforts to improve the sustainability of the state’s water system through the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act as well as longer term water efficiency standards.