



**CAMWC Board of Directors Meeting  
August 2014**

**Email-Only**

**Agenda**

- 1) Approve Minutes
- 2) Approve Demand Sheet

*Please Respond by Email*

## ATTACHMENT 1

# California Association of Mutual Water Companies (CAMWC) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 24, 2014 | Conference Call

**Call to Order:** Chairman Byerrum called the meeting to order at 10:02 am

**Present:** Jim Byerrum (Director, Chair), Dave Michalko (Director, Secretary), Lisa Yamashita-Lopez (Director, Asst. Treasurer), Robert Hayward (Director), Flip Boerman (Director), Blanche Vizzini (Director, Treasurer), Ken Bradbury (Director), Adan Ortega (Executive Director/staff), James Simonelli (Managing Director/staff), Denise Peralta Gailey (Development Manager/staff), Jim Ciampa (legal counsel), Myra Evangelista (Staff), Rebecca Orenales (Staff)

**Absent:** None

**Recognizing Flip Boerman:** The Board recognized and congratulated Flip Boerman for his nomination to be president of the California Rural Water Association.

**Approval of Minutes:** The June 19, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved, as submitted.

**Membership Committee Report:** Dave Michalko provided an update on committee activities, new members since the last board meeting, potential new members, and visits lined-up for potential members. Denise Peralta Gailey added that staff had reached out to LAFCOs to garner mutuals data in their respective areas. The goal is to further build our internal list of mutuals. Executive Director Ortega suggested that the board establish a subcommittee to target advertisers and sponsors. Chairman Byerrum stated he would Chair this subcommittee and made a motion to create the subcommittee. The Board voted unanimously to create the subcommittee. Dave Michalko asked staff to clarify how billing was conducted for new members, and whether dues were prorated. James Simonelli responded that annual membership dues are always collected in full, and are not prorated. He added that membership renewals will be billed in January and July of the following year. The Board accepted the reports.

**Membership Dues Levels:** By unanimous vote, the Board established the Affiliate Membership level at \$250/year, and Individual Membership level at \$100/year. Both are annual flat fees. Staff will update the flyers and web site.

**2014 Budget Report:** J. Simonelli disseminated and reviewed the current budget. There were no significant changes since the previous month. The Board accepted the report.

**Nossaman Inc Payments and Donations:** J. Simonelli reviewed the current income and expenses with Nossaman Inc., and confirmed that Bellflower Somerset's donations were adjusted (lowered) based on new donations. Chairman Byerrum inquired why August 2014 showed \$11,000 in fees to Nossaman. Staff will research and reply to this question. Chairman Byerrum also briefed the Board that payments in 2013 to Nossaman for lobbying need to be directly from CalMutuals. CalDomestic will be reimbursed by CalMutuals for its payments to Nossaman in 2014. Discussion ensued.

**Demand Sheet:** Chairman Byerrum reviewed the Demand Sheet, which included three items: \$8,350 to Simonelli & Associates Inc. for monthly Management Fee (per contract), and \$750 and \$260 to Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney & Kruse, LLP for legal services. By unanimous vote, the board approved the items.

**Legislative Committee Report:** Lisa Yamashita-Lopez reported on AB 2443, and meetings with Senator Carol Lieu, Roth, Hernandez and Correa. Lisa Yamashita-Lopez also reported that a briefing for legislative staff on AB 2443 will be held at the Capitol on July 31. Executive Director Ortega noted that Assemblymember Rendon's staff had sent potential AB 2443 amendments to legal counsel Jim Ciampa. CalMutuals reviewed and responded in writing. More information on amendments will be available in the following week. Executive Director Ortega then reported on the emergency drought ordinance and correspondence with the CalMutuals office on this topic. The Board requested that if information that can be used by all mutuals is available, this information should be shared. Executive Director Ortega then reported on the HexChrome issue, potential Steinberg legislation, and meetings with Oak Trail Mutual Water Company.

**New Business: July 11 Roundtable Feedback:** The Board discussed the most recent Roundtable Meeting in Rancho Cucamonga with special guest Senator Mike Morrell (R). All feedback was positive.

**New Business: Upcoming Roundtables:** The Board discussed holding the next Roundtable in Orange County, likely in September. The final Roundtable of the year will be held in the Bakersfield area.

**New Business: October Webinar:** A webinar is scheduled for Friday, October 10, 10am-12pm. Legal counsel Turner and Ciampa will lead the meeting, which includes AB 54 training and AB 240 information. Staff will work to set-up and host them meeting. This webinar should be a tool for new member recruitment.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next board meeting will be held August 21 at 10am, via conference call.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Byerrum adjourned the meeting at 11:16 am.

## ATTACHMENT 2



### **Subject: Demand Sheet**

The following items are payments are above \$500 and must be approved by the board before payment.

Recommended Action: Discussion and Board Approval

ITEM 1:

\$8,350 to Simonelli & Associates Inc. for monthly Management Fee (per contract).

ITEM 2:

\$750 to Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney and Kruse LLP for monthly retainer.

ITEM 3:

\$650 to Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney and Kruse LLP for additional legal services through July 31, 2014.