

## CAMWC Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, May 28, 2014 10:00 am- 11:00 am

Location: via Conference Call Call In: 857-232-0300 Access Code: 539012# Mute/Unmute: \*6

## **Agenda**

#### 10am:

- 1) Call to Order (Chairman Byerrum)
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of April 23, 2014 Minutes (Attachment 1)
- 4) Membership Committee Report
  - a. New Members
  - b. Potential Members
  - C. Sponsors and Advertisers
- 5) 2014 Budget Report
  - a. Demand Sheet (Attachment 2)
- 6) Legislative Committee Report
  - a. AB 2443 (Rendon)
    - i. Potential New Legislation Introduced by CalMutuals (AB 2443 amendments)
  - b. AB 1527 (Perea)
  - C. Water Bond Measures
  - d. Chrome VI
- 7) New Business
  - a. Next Industry Roundtable (Senator Morrell (R); Rancho Cucamonga)
  - b. Adan Ortega lobbying discussion
  - c. Other
- 8) Next Board Meeting
- 9) Adjourn (11:00am)

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#### **ATTACHMENT 1**

# California Association of Mutual Water Companies (CAMWC) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 23, 2014 | Montebello, CA

Call to Order: Chairman Byerrum called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

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

Absent: Flip Boerman (Director)

<u>Guests</u>: Bob Fan (Valley Water Co), Rick Cook (Bellflower-Somerset), Dave Armstrong (South Mesa), Tom Coleman (Bellflower-Somerset), Tim Green (Western Heights), Robert Zappia (Western Heights), Bill Brown (Western Heights), Dustin Hartwick (CalRural), George Jorritsma (South Mesa), Martin Susnir (Tract 349)

Approval of Minutes: The March 20, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved, as submitted.

<u>Membership Committee Report:</u> Executive Director Ortega reported that the membership committee held its first meeting and discussed the current outreach efforts. J. Simonelli presented the list of new members since the last board meeting. Several board members discussed potential new members as well. The board accepted the report.

**2014 Budget Report:** J. Simonelli disseminated and reviewed the most current budget. The current budget included projected cash flow for the rest of the year. Executive Director Ortega discussed the potential pursuit and compilation of mutuals operating in California. He discussed the estimated costs for this activity. The board accepted the report.

<u>Demand Sheet:</u> Chairman Byerrum reviewed the Demand Sheet, which included two items: \$8,250 to Simonelli & Associates Inc. for monthly Management Fee (per contract), and \$750 to Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney & Kruse, LLP for legal services. By unanimous vote, the board approved two items.

<u>Legislative Committee Report:</u> Committee Chair Yamashita-Lopez briefed the board on several issues she has been working on with Ortega. Executive Director Ortega reported on seven items: (1) AB 1434 (2) AB 1527 (3) H.R. 3023 (4) Chrome 6 (5) SB 1250 (6) Water Bond Measures (7) AB 2443. Discussion ensued.

<u>Securing Lobbyist: Nossaman Inc.</u>: Chairman Byerrum presented the board with two options for securing a lobbying firm to assist with AB 2443. He received two bids (1) Nossaman Inc. for up to \$30,000, which would be billed on a monthly basis. Byerrum noted that Nossaman lobbyist Meg Catzen-Brown is familiar with mutuals and helped the industry with AB 240. (2) A second firm in Sacramento for \$50,000 to provide the same services. The \$50,000 would be paid regardless of how long the issue took. After discussion, the board unanimously voted to empower Chairman Byerrum to sign a contract with Nossaman Inc.

Representatives from Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company stated that they would pay for the lobbyist for AB 2443, but would welcome others to share this cost as well. All board members expressed their gratitude for this and empowered Chairman Byerrum to establish an agreement with Bellflower-Somerset to fund this initiative.

**Upcoming Roundtable**: The board briefly discussed potential options for the next roundtable meeting.

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held May 28 at 10am via conference call.

Adjourn: Chairman Byerrum adjourned the meeting at 11:45 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:

\$3,750 to Simonelli & Associates Inc. for monthly Management Fee (per contract).

ITEM 2:

\$4,500 to Adan Ortega for monthly services (per contract).

ITEM 3:

\$1950 to Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney and Kruse LLP for services through May 12, 2014.