



Approved: September 28, 2023

Executive Committee Meeting

ACWA JPIA
2100 Professional Drive
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July 27, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair: Melody A. McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Vice-Chair: David Drake, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District
Cathy Green, Orange County Water District, ACWA VP
Chris Kapheim, Kings River Conservation District
Scott Ratterman, Calaveras County Water District
Randall Reed, Cucamonga Valley Water District
J. Bruce Rupp, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
David Wheaton, Citrus Heights Water District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Szu Pei Lu-Yang, Rowland Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer/Secretary: Walter "Andy" Sells
Adrienne Beatty, Assistant Executive Officer
Erin Bowles, Workers' Compensation Manager
Chimene Camacho, Executive Assistant to the CEO (*Recording Secretary*)
Sarah Crawford, Training Manager
Debbie Cruz, Lead Member Services Representative
David deBernardi, Director of Finance
Robin Flint, Risk Control Manager
Robert Greenfield, General Counsel
Ben Hayden, Lead Benefits Analyst
Jennifer Nogosek, Liability/Property Claims Manager
Sandra Smith, Employee Benefits Manager
Dan Steele, Finance Manager
Tony Waterford, Human Resources Manager
Nidia Watkins, Member Services Representative II
Mike Whitright, IT Support Specialist
Cece Wuchter, Sr. Lead Claims Adjuster

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Fred Bockmiller, Mesa Water District (via Zoom)
Dave Eggerton, ACWA Executive Director
Tiffany Giammona, ACWA Senior Director of Operations and Member Engagement
Joelle Jamello, Anthem Blue Cross (via Zoom)
Peter Kuchinsky, Vista Irrigation District
Kristyn Nelms, Anthem Blue Cross (via Zoom)

WELCOME

Chair McDonald welcomed everyone in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. She announced there was a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Chair McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Sells gave the evacuation procedure instructions.

ANNOUNCEMENT RECORDING OF MEETING

Chair McDonald announced that the meeting would be recorded to assist in preparation of minutes. Recordings are kept 30 days following the meeting, as mandated by the Ralph M. Brown Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair McDonald noted that, as the agenda stated, members of the public would be allowed to address the Executive Committee on any agenda item prior to the Committee's decision on that item. Comments on any issues on the agenda, or not on the agenda, were also welcomed.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair McDonald introduced the Executive Committee, staff, and others in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Chair McDonald asked for any additions to, or deletions from, the agenda. Mr. Sells stated that Closed Session Agenda Item Number A3, SF Florin LP v. Solano Irrigation District will be deleted from the agenda and that Avila Alvarado v. San Luis Water District will be added to the agenda, under Closed Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair McDonald called for approval of the Consent Agenda:

M/S/C (Green/Rupp) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting;

and ratify the JPIA disbursements of: Vendor Payments, Employee Benefits Claim Payments, Payroll, and summary of confidential claims payments for the Liability, Property, & Workers' Compensation Programs: June 16-30, 2023 and July 1-15, 2023.

ADMINISTRATION

Report on meetings attended on behalf of the JPIA

Chair McDonald reported attending the ACWA State Legislative meeting and Vice-Chair Drake reported on attending the ACWA Region 10 meeting.

Resolution (2023-1) to revise Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) authorized signers

Mr. Steele stated that recent changes to the JPIA management positions have made it necessary to make changes to the authorized signers with the LAIF. The following positions will be added as authorized signers with LAIF: Adrienne Beatty, Assistant Executive Officer; David de Bernardi, Director of Finance; and Dan Steele, Finance Manager. The following individuals will be removed as authorized signers with LAIF: Karen Thesing and Dianna Sutton.

M/S/C (Rupp/Green) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve the changes to the authorized signers in the Local Agency Investment Fund.

Review and approved proposed meeting dates for 2024

Ms. Beatty presented the proposed Committee meeting dates for 2024 for approval of the Executive Committee.

M/S/C (Kapheim/Drake) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve the meeting dates for 2024, as presented.

CALIFORNIA WATER INSURANCE FUND (CWIF)

CWIF Vice-Chair Drake reported on the agenda items discussed at the CWIF meetings held on May 25, 2023 in Salt Lake City, Utah, and on June 21, 2023 in Roseville, California. Among the items approved by the CWIF Board include the approval of dividends and the Workers' Compensation Program Reinsurance Agreement for the 2023-24 policy year.

LIABILITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Reed reported on the recommendations of the Liability Program Committee from its meeting on July 26, 2023:

M/S/C (Reed/Drake) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the

Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Liability Program Committee to approve the Memorandum of Liability Coverage, as revised, to be effective October 1, 2023.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Rupp reported on the recommendations of the Employee Benefits Program Committee from its meeting on July 26, 2023:

M/S/C (Rupp/Reed) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve increasing the deductible for Anthem and Kaiser CDHP plans to \$1,600 for a single and \$3,200 for a family, effective January 1, 2024.

M/S/C (Rupp/Ratterman) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve adding Anthem Health Guide benefit to the self-funded Anthem PPO plan benefits, effective January 1, 2024.

M/S/C (Rupp/Green) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve changing the Pharmacy Benefit Manager for the self-funded PPO plans to Anthem's CarelonRx, effective January 1, 2024.

M/S/C (Rupp/Reed) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve an increase of 12% for the Anthem self-funded PPO plans, effective January 1, 2024.

M/S/C (Rupp/Ratterman) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve an increase of 5.48% for the Anthem HMO plans, effective January 1, 2024.

M/S/C (Rupp/Reed) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve an aggregate increase of 9.87% to Kaiser rates, effective January 1, 2024.

M/S/C (Rupp/Green) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve an aggregate increase of 14.68% for the Kaiser Senior Advantage plan, effective January 1, 2024.

M/S/C (Rupp/Green) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve an increase of 1.9% for the UHC Medicare Advantage PPO plan, effective January 1, 2024.

M/S/C (Rupp/Drake) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve renewal of Delta Dental PPO and DeltaCare HMO plans, with no change in rates, effective January 1, 2024.

M/S/C (Rupp/Kapheim) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve renewing the VSP plans with no change in rates, effective January 1, 2024.

M/S/C (Rupp/Wheaton) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve renewal of the Employee Assistance Program with no change in rates, effective January 1, 2024.

M/S/C (Rupp/Reed) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee accept the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Program Committee to approve renewal of life and disability benefits with no change in rates, effective January 1, 2024.

MEMBERSHIP

Review and take action on membership applications

Fall River Valley Community Services District

Ms. Watkins provided a background on Fall River Valley Community Services District's (FRVCSD) application for admission into the Workers' Compensation Program. FRVCSD has participated in the Liability Program since 1985, the Property Program since 1986, and the Employee Benefits Program since 2012. The District provides water services to the towns of Fall River Mills and McArthur. The domestic system serves 488

metered residential and commercial water connections. The source is a 350-foot groundwater well (McArthur Well), which pumps from 200,000 to 400,000 gallons/day.

A new member risk assessment was conducted to determine substantial conformance with the JPIA's Commitment to Excellence (C2E) Program, JPIA best practices, occupational safety and health standards, and consensus with public agency loss control methods. Overall, a favorable opinion was developed about the staff and operations of the District. Should FRVCSD join the Workers' Compensation Program, a service plan will be implemented to complement the District's safety and risk management program with ACWA JPIA resources.

M/S/C (Reed/Rupp) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve Fall River Valley Community Services District's application for admission into the Workers' Compensation Programs.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discuss future agenda items

None.

ACWA update

ACWA Vice President Green and Ms. Giammona presented JPIA's CEO, Andy Sells, with the ACWA Board of Directors resolution honoring him for his more than 30 years of service in the water industry. Ms. Giammona also presented a short report on current relevant events at ACWA.

CEO update

Mr. Sells and Ms. Beatty shared that the JPIA is now fully staffed after having made multiple new hires in the past 18 months, including two new directors, Kevin Phillips and Jennifer Jobe.

CLOSED SESSION

Before proceeding into closed session, General Counsel announced the items to be discussed.

M/S/C (Green/Rupp) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee adjourn to closed session.

At approximately 9:25 a.m., the Executive Committee, upon advice of General Counsel, adjourned to closed session to discuss:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel (tort liability losses, public liability losses/claims, or workers' compensation liability claims) – Pursuant to Government Code Sec. 54956.95.

1. Laurain vs. Goleta WD, DOL 3/2/2021; CT to 8/30/2021
2. Brunmark vs. Rancho California Water District, DOL 7/4/2020
3. Rubalcaba vs. Vista Irrigation District, DOL 12/13/2022
4. Avila Alvarado vs. San Luis Water District, DOL 9/30/2021

M/S/C (Drake/Kapheim) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee reconvene to open session.

The Committee returned to open session at approximately 9:56 a.m.

Closed session item A-1: Laurain v. Goleta WD.

M/S/C (Kapheim/Rupp) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve the settlement in the amount of \$185,000.

Closed session item A-2: Brunmark v. Rancho California Water District.
No action taken; direction given to staff.

Closed session item A-3: Rubalcaba v. Vista ID.

M/S/C (Drake/Rupp) (Green-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Drake-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve the settlement in the amount of \$700,000.00.

Closed session item A-4: Avila Alvarado v. San Luis Water District.
No action taken; direction given to staff.

Availability for next meeting: The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet next on September 28, 2023.

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Attest:

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Melody McDonald
Chair

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Walter A. Sells
Secretary