



Approved: November 27, 2023

Board of Directors' Meeting

Monterey Marriott
350 Calle Principal
Monterey, California

May 8, 2023

VOTING REPORT

See the list following the minutes.

NON-VOTING ATTENDEES

See the list of attendees.

STAFF PRESENT

See attendance list.

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

President McDonald welcomed everyone in attendance, called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President McDonald.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Mr. Sells reviewed the building evacuation procedures.

ANNOUNCEMENT RECORDING OF MEETING

President McDonald announced that the meeting was being recorded to assist in preparation of minutes and that the recording would only be kept 30 days following the meeting, as mandated by the California Brown Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As stated in the agenda, members of the public would be allowed to address the Board of Directors on any agenda item prior to the Board's decision on that item. Comments on any issues which may or may not be on the agenda were also welcome. No comments were brought forward.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President McDonald introduced the Executive Committee members, ACWA JPIA and ACWA staff in attendance.

MEETING PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Mr. Sells reviewed the JPIA Live Tally voting procedures with everyone in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

President McDonald asked for any additions to or deletions from the agenda; none were noted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President McDonald called for approval of the Consent Calendar.

Motion: That the Board of Directors approve the minutes of the November 28, 2022 meeting, as presented.

Motioner: Fred Bockmiller, Mesa Water District

Second: Brent Haste, Reclamation District 784
(101-Yes; 0-No; 10-Abstain)

**See voting report following the minutes.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION

President McDonald reviewed the manual paper balloting procedures and explained that this election will fill four Executive Committee member positions for their complete terms of four years each. The written ballots are marked and tallied during open session. The qualified candidates are as follows.

- Fred Bockmiller – Mesa Water District (*incumbent*)
- June Hayes – San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
- Szu Pei Lu-Yang – Rowland Water District
- Andy Morris - Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
- Lenet Pacheco – Valley County Water District
- John Pang – Tahoe City Public Utilities District
- Scott Ratterman – Calaveras County Water District
- Bruce Rupp – Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (*incumbent*)
- Oliver Smith – Valley Center Municipal Water District
- Pamela Tobin – San Juan Water District
- John H. Weed – Alameda County Water District
- David Wheaton – Citrus Heights Water District

No other Board Directors have met the criteria to be on the ballot.

Each candidate was given two minutes to address the Board before the votes were cast. The following election officials collected the ballots: Tony Waterford, JPIA Human Resources Manager; Kathi Artis, Tulare Irrigation District; Carol Lee Gonzalez-Brady, Rancho California Water District; and Kathryn Freshley, El Toro Water District.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION

Executive Committee Election Results

President McDonald reported the results of the election after two rounds of balloting. The following candidates have been elected to a four-year term on the Executive Committee:

- J. Bruce Rupp – Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
- Szu Pei Lu-Yang – Rowland Water District
- Scott Ratterman – Calaveras County Water District
- David Wheaton – Citrus Heights Water District

ADMINISTRATION

Glossary of Terms

Mr. Sells directed the Board to the Glossary of Terms. It was suggested that they become acquainted with the terms used in this meeting and inform staff of any other terms used in this meeting that need to be included.

Ratify Executive Committee's Acceptance of New Member Agencies

President McDonald noted that at each Board meeting, a list of new members is provided for membership ratification. Since the last Board of Directors' meeting, Merced Subbasin GSA has joined the ACWA JPIA.

Motion: That the Board of Directors approve to ratify Merced Subbasin GSA as a member of the ACWA JPIA.

Motioner: Peer Swan, Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority

Seconded: Fred Bockmiller, Mesa Water District
(102-Yes; 1-No; 10-Abstain)

**See voting report following the minutes.*

ACWA Presentation

Mr. Eggerton, ACWA Executive Director, noted the continued working relationship between ACWA and the JPIA in meeting members' needs. He spoke about the future of ACWA, challenges, and projects going forward.

FINANCIALS

Approval of the Audited Financial Statements for Year Ending September 30, 2022

Mr. deBernardi stated that each year, the JPIA provides for an independent audit of the JPIA's financial statements. Gilbert Associates performed the annual audit of the JPIA for the fiscal year of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The JPIA received an unmodified opinion that states that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ACWA JPIA as of September 30, 2022, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As in the previous year, the JPIA prepared an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) standards. Management intends to submit this report to the GFOA for review in order to again obtain a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Consequently, the annual report has additional reports therein to meet these high standards.

Motion: That the Board of Directors approve the 2021/22 Audited Financial Statements, as presented.

Motioner: Pamela Tobin, San Juan Water District

Second: June Hayes, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
(104-Yes; 1-No; 5-Abstain)

**See voting report following the minutes.*

Approval of the Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2022-23

Mr. deBernardi explained that in March/April of each year, a proposed operating budget is submitted to the Finance & Audit Committee and then to the Executive Committee for review. At the JPIA spring conference, the proposed operating budget is presented for approval to the Board of Directors. The budget covers General & Administrative (G&A) Expenses for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. The most significant changes to the G&A budget for the fiscal year are staff salaries and staff employee benefits (lines 1 and 2). The increase in cost for staff salaries is primarily due to the estimated 5% pay increases plus three more employees in the budget compared to the previous budget. The increase in the cost for staff employee benefits is primarily due to the CalPERS rate increase from the prior year due to investment returns not meeting expectations and an anticipated increase in health insurance costs of 10%. The overall increase in the Operating Budget is 9.9% (line 36).

Motion: That the Board of Directors approve the proposed Operating Budget for the fiscal ending September 30, 2024, as presented.

Motioner: Pamela Tobin, San Juan Water District

Second: Jennifer DeMeo, Fallbrook Public Utility District
(100-Yes; 2-No; 4-Abstain)

**See voting report following the minutes.*

PROGRAMS

Pooled Programs Update

Ms. Beatty stated the JPIA continues to offer its members stability through a strong financial position, experienced management, and an unwavering and growing member participation. Each pooled program stands alone meaning they are separately funded and managed. The Programs have different levels of members participating, as not all members partake in all programs. Over the recent years, the member participation gaps are narrowing with improved pricing, expanded coverages, increased outreach program, and a coordinated focus on customer service. Ms. Beatty continued by reviewing the highlights for each program.

- The Liability Program has 345 members and has a 10% rate increase in 2022/23, which represents the first increase in rate for this program in 15 years. A hardened market and a few large losses impacted pricing.
- The Property Program has 287 members and has a 20% rate increase in pricing this year. Catastrophic events and a few large losses continue to dominate pricing for this program.
- The Workers' Compensation Program has 204 members with pricing very stable and unchanged for the current year. Potential legislative changes present the biggest challenge to this program.
- The Employee Benefits Program has 267 members. For the current renewal, rates for the self-funded Anthem PPO plan were reduced by 10%. In 2023,

Progyny fertility and family building, Carrum oncology, and Hinge Health virtual physical therapy benefits were added to the self-funded PPO plan. Rates for 2024 are anticipated to go up by at least 10-15%.

Review of Rate Stabilization Fund Process

Ms. Beatty reviewed the change to the current fiscal year's Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF) calculations as approved by the Executive Committee at their January 31, 2023 meeting. Previously, Retrospective Premium Adjustments (RPAs) for the Liability, Property, and Workers' Compensation programs were factored into RSF calculations once the policy years had developed four years from the beginning of the policy year. Upon further analysis, it was evident that this period of time was just too soon, and that a five-year period from the end of the policy year would ensure better development of the policy year. To curb future volatility in RPA calculations, the Executive Committee approved the change in RPA calculation to five (5) years after the end of the policy year for the Liability, Property, and Workers' Compensation Programs.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Leadership Essentials for the Water Industry Program Update

Ms. Crawford reported that the Leadership Program continues to be popular with members with many inquiries already being received for the 2023/2024 program. Currently, there are 32 participants in two cohorts in Northern and Southern California. Registration is now open for the upcoming 2023/24 cohorts. New this year is the E.G. "Jerry" Gladbach Leadership Development Program Grant which covers program fees for one participant in each of the annual Northern and Southern CA cohorts. The grant was approved by the JPIA Board of Directors in November 2022 in honor of former Board President Gladbach's leadership and commitment to professional development. Applications for this year's grants will remain open until June 15, 2023.

Announcement of Winners of H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards Program

Ms. Flint stated that the results of the Safety Awards Program are announced each spring and fall at the JPIA Conferences and that the JPIA selected nominees demonstrating proactive safety contributions. For Spring 2022, there were 14 nominations submitted from eight members. The winners of the awards were noted in the packet and a few examples of the winning safety contributions were presented. Risk Control Advisors continually promote the H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards Program during site visits and training classes to encourage members to engage their staff and continuously improve their safety programs.

CEO UPDATE

Current Events at the JPIA

Mr. Sells provided an update on the current events at the JPIA. With his upcoming retirement in September 2023, he highlighted the JPIA's new leadership team and their expanded experience in pooling and membership.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Current Events at the JPIA

President McDonald congratulated the newly elected Executive Committee members. She reported on the many changes that have transpired within the JPIA staff with long-tenured employee retirements and new hires this year. A major leadership transition will

take place in September with Andy Sells, JPIA CEO, retiring after 33 years of service. Adrienne Beatty, current JPIA Assistant Executive Officer, will become CEO on October 1, 2023. A special retirement dinner in honor of Andy Sells will be held this evening in the Ferrantes Bay View ballroom. She noted and thanked the dinner sponsors: Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Aon; Bauer & Bauermeister; bswift; Donahue Davies LLP; Fozi Dwork & Modafferi LLP; Jacobson Markham, LLP; Occu-Med; Rankin Stock Heaberlin Oneal; Vector Solutions; VSP; and Wendelstein Law Group, PC.

OTHER BUSINESS

Review Pending Lawsuits Directly Involving the JPIA

Mr. Greenfield reported that there are no pending or threatened claims against the JPIA.

President McDonald called for adjournment of the Board of Directors' meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Attest:

X

Melody McDonald
President

X

Adrienne Beatty
Secretary

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LIST OF ATTENDEES AND JPIA STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

<u>District / Organization</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
ACWA JPIA	Laura	Baryak	Administrative Assistant II
ACWA JPIA	Adrienne	Beatty	Assistant Executive Officer
ACWA JPIA	Erin	Bowles	Workers' Comp. Manager
ACWA JPIA	Chimene	Camacho	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)
ACWA JPIA	Sarah	Crawford	Training Manager
ACWA JPIA	David	deBernardi	Director of Finance
ACWA JPIA	Robin	Flint	Risk Control Manager
ACWA JPIA	Robert	Greenfield	General Counsel
ACWA JPIA	Molly	Quirk	Communications/Outreach Specialist
ACWA JPIA	Jillian	Sciancalepore	Workers' Comp. AA II
ACWA JPIA	Andy	Sells	Chief Executive Officer
ACWA JPIA	Tony	Waterford	HR Manager
ACWA JPIA	Sandra	Smith	Employee Benefits Manager
ACWA JPIA	Dan	Steele	Finance Manager
ACWA	Dave	Eggerton	Executive Director
ACWA	Tiffany	Giammona	Director of Member Outreach
Carpinteria Valley Water District	Robert	McDonald	Director
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Sarge	Green	Director
Friant Power Authority	Carl	Janzen	Director
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District	John	Friendenbach	General Manager
Laguna Beach County Water District	Deborah	Neev	Commissioner
Madera Irrigation District	Carl	Janzen	Director
Monte Vista Water District	Michael	Milhiser	Vice President

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Member	First Name	Last Name	Keypad ID	Approval of Minutes	Ratify New Members	Audited Financial Statements	Operating Budget 2023-24
Alameda CFC &WCD Zone 7 Water Agency	Dennis	Gambis	67	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alameda County Water District	John	Weed	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Amador Water Agency	Larry	McKenney	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Antelope Valley State Water Contractors	Kathy	Mac Laren	68	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arvin-Edison Water Storage District	David	Nixon	8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency	Nicole	Sandkulla	64	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bella Vista Water District	James	Smith	76	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belridge Water Storage District	Justin	Rowe	106	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Berrenda Mesa Water District	Rob	Goff	73	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Bolinas Community Public Utility District	Jennifer	Blackman	70	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Calaveras County Water District	Scott	Ratterman	16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calaveras Public Utility District	Travis	Small	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calleguas Municipal Water District	Scott	Quady	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Camrosa Water District	Eugene	West	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carmichael Water District	Mark	Emmerson	79	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carpinteria Valley Water District-1053	Robert	McDonald	20	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chino Basin Watermaster	Bob	Kuhn	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Citrus Heights Water District	Hilary	Straus	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Crestline Village Water District	Steven	Farrell	57	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cucamonga Valley Water District	Randall	Reed	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Desert Water Agency	Kristin	Bloomer	113	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Diablo Water District	Dan	Muelrath	110	Yes	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Dudley Ridge Water District-1073	G. Patrick	O'Dowd	84	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
El Toro Water District	Kathryn	Freshley	19	Yes			
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	Andy	Morris	61	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fallbrook Public Utility District	Jennifer	DeMeo	51	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove	Tom	Nelson	9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Sargeant	Green	87	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friant Power Authority	Carl	Janzen	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Georgetown Divide Public Utility District 109	Mitch	McDonald	27	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Groundwater Banking JointPowers Authority1619	Peer	Swan	95	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Abstain
Helix Water District	Daniel	McMillian	29	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District	J. Bruce	Rupp	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kern County Water Agency	Charles	Wulff, Jr.	74	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kings River Conservation District	Chris	Kapheim	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
La Habra Heights County Water District	Michael	Gualtieri	22	Yes	Yes	Abstain	No
Laguna Beach County Water District	Deborah	Neev	21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District 1225	Donald	Patterson	23	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lost Hills Water District 1398	Justin	Rowe	108	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Madera Irrigation District	Carl	Janzen	28	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority	Carl	Janzen	37	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster	David	De Jesus	33	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKinleyville CSD	Dennis	Mayo	36	Yes		Abstain	Abstain
McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agen	Matt	Hurley	107	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mesa Water District	Fred	Bockmiller	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Monte Vista Water District	G. Michael	Milhiser	80	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Montecito Water District	Flown	Wicks	111	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Moulton-Niguel Water District- 1233	Sherri	Wanninger	35	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Municipal Water District of Orange County	Jeffrey	Thomas	54	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oakdale Irrigation District	Thomas	Orvis	88	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Olivehain Municipal Water District	Marco	San Antonio	93	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Orange County Water District	Cathy	Green	7	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Orchard Dale Water District	Edward	Castaneda	52	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Otay Water District	Mark	Robak	41	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Palmdale Water District	Dino	Vincent	39	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Panoche Drainage District	Beau	Correia	71	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Panoche Water District	Beau	Correia	78	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Placer County Water Agency	Graham	Allen	100	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pomona-Walnut Rowland JWLC	Thomas	Coleman	59	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Puente Basin Water Agency	Tom	Coleman	58	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Purmissima Hills Water District	Sarah	Stone	34	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Rainbow Municipal Water District-59	Miguel	Gasca	105	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rancho California Water District	Carol	Lee	32	Yes			
Reclamation District 784-1628	Brent	Hastey	31	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regional Water Authority	Pam	Tobin	24	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District	David	Drake	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rio Alto Water District	Richard	Brubaker	40	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rosamond Community Service District	Byron	Glennan	90	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District	Roy	Pierucci	92	Yes		Yes	Yes
Rowland Water District	Tom	Coleman	63	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sacramento Groundwater Authority	Pam	Tobin	55	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sacramento Suburban Water District	Jay	Boatwright	26	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Benito Water District	Joe	Tonascia	91	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	June	Hayes	60	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District	Melody	McDonald	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority	Bob	Kuhn	45	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Juan Water District	Pamela	Tobin	56	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority	Beau	Correia	109	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Luis Water District	Janet	Roy	112	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Santa Clarita Valley GSA	Gary	Martin	48	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	William	Cooper	38	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Santa Margarita Groundwater Water District	Saundra	Jacobs	49	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Santa Rosa Regional Resources Authority	Andy	Morris	102	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scotts Valley Water District	David	McNair	97	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Serrano Water District	Gregory	Mills	96	Abstain		Yes	
Solano Irrigation District	Cary	Keaten	103	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Bay Irrigation District	Hector	Martinez	82	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
South San Joaquin Irrigation District	Glenn	Spyksma	99	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stockton East Water District	Thomas	McGurk	43	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Abstain
Suisun-Solano Water Authority	Pete	Sanchez	104	Yes		Yes	

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Tahoe City Public Utility District	John	Pang	101	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tehachapi Cummings County Water District	Jonathan	Hall	30	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	David	DeJesus	46	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Trabuco Canyon Water District	Mike	Safranski	81	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tri-Dam Project	John	Holbrook	98	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Truckee Donner Public Utility District	Kim	Harris	75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tulare Irrigation District	Kathi	Artis	69	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuolumne Utilities District	Jeff	Kerns	62	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District	Anthony	Fellow	89	Yes		Yes	Yes
Utica Water & Power Authority	Joel	Metzger	114		Yes	Yes	Yes
Vallecitos Water District	Craig	Elitharp	72	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Valley Center Municipal Water District	Oliver	Smith	66	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Valley County Water District	Lenet	Pacheco	25	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Vista Irrigation District 1166	Patrick	Sanchez	42	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water Replenishment Dist of Southern California	Elvira	Robles-DeWitt	53	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Valley Water District	Gregory	Young	47	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Westborough Water District	Don	Amuzie	94	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Western Municipal District 27	Laura	Roughton	77	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yolo County Flood Control & Water Cons Dist	Tom	Barth	85	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency	Tom	Barth	86	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yorba Linda Water District	J. Wayne	Miller	83	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yuba County Water Agency	Gary	Bradford	50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Totals:	Yes	101	102	104	100
	No	0	1	1	2
	Abstain	10	2	5	4
	No response	1	7	2	6
	Totals:	112	112	112	112