



Approved: September 25, 2026

Executive Committee Meeting

ACWA JPIA
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July 29, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair: Melody A. McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady, Rancho California Water District, ACWA Vice President
Brent Hastey, Reclamation District 784
Chris Kapheim, Kings River Conservation District
Szu Pei Lu-Yang, Rowland Water District
Scott Ratterman, Calaveras County Water District
Randall Reed, Cucamonga Valley Water District
David Wheaton, Citrus Heights Water District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vice Chair: J. Bruce Rupp, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer/Secretary: Adrienne Beatty
Erin Bowles, Workers' Compensation Manager
Chimene Camacho, Senior Executive Assistant to the CEO (*Recording Secretary*)
David deBernardi, Director of Finance
Jennifer Jobe, Deputy Executive Officer
Jillian Sciancalepore, Administrative Assistant III
Judy Shiu, Liability and Property Claims Manager
Dan Steele, Finance Manager
Kayla Villa, Litigation Manager
Tony Waterford, Director of People and Culture
Mike Whitright, System/Network Administrator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tiffany Giammona, ACWA, Senior Director of Operations and Member Engagement
Patrick Meagher, Reclamation District 784 (via Zoom; joined at 3:25 PM)
Kellie Murphy, ACWA JPIA General Counsel, Johnson Schachter & Lewis

WELCOME

Chair McDonald welcomed everyone in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER, ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM, AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 3:24 PM. She announced there was a quorum. She then asked the Executive Committee and staff to introduce themselves.

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.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Chair McDonald asked for any additions to, or deletions from, the agenda. None were noted.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair McDonald called for approval of the Consent Agenda:

M/S/C (Hastey/Lu-Yang) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Wheaton-Yes; Rupp-Absent; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve the minutes of the March 27, 2026 and April 27, 2026 meetings; Ratify 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, 2026, and July 1-15, 2026, pursuant to Government Code Section 53910 et seq.; approve an excused absence for any Executive Committee member; and the Significant Claims Report.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Report on Meetings Attended on Behalf of the JPIA

Chair McDonald reported that she, along with Vice Chair Rupp, Adrienne Beatty, and Jennifer Jobe, attended the memorial services for the wife of ACWA President Ernie Avila.

Review Proposed Calendar of Meeting Dates for 2027

Ms. Beatty presented the proposed 2027 Meeting Calendar, highlighting scheduling changes intended to improve meeting coordination. Key changes included holding the January Personnel Committee meeting in person rather than virtually, the day before the Risk Management and Executive Committee meetings; eliminating the 2027 Onboarding Workshop due to the busy spring schedule and recent strategic planning efforts; and moving the mid-year Employee Benefits Program Committee meeting to the Spring Summit.

Ms. Beatty also reviewed the timing of the Executive Committee President and Vice President appointment process following the May Board elections. Staff proposed holding an Executive Committee meeting during the Membership Summit to avoid a

potential leadership gap if new Executive Committee members are elected. Following discussion, the Committee requested the following modifications to the 2027 Meeting Calendar:

- Remove the May 11th Executive Committee meeting and retain the current practice of appointing the President and Vice President at the June 25th Executive Committee meeting.
- Move the September 29th Finance & Audit Committee meeting to September 30th at 8:00 AM, followed by the Executive Committee and CWIF Board meetings.

M/S/C (Kapheim/Ratterman) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve the Calendar of Meeting Dates for 2027, as revised.

Legislative Advocacy Update

Ms. Beatty reported that there has been minimal legislative activity since the June meeting. She shared that the bill sponsors met in early July to continue discussions on previously identified issues and are exploring engaging a consultant to assist in discussions with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) regarding the bill's estimated fiscal impact.

III. CALIFORNIA WATER INSURANCE FUND

Review Agenda Items from the California Water Insurance Fund Meeting Held on June 26, 2026

CWIF Committee Vice Chair Ratterman reported on the Committee's agenda items from its meeting on June 26, 2026. At that meeting, the Workers' Compensation Program's Reinsurance Agreement was approved, effective July 1, 2026.

VI. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Employee Benefits Program Committee Chair Reed reported on the Committee's recommendations from its meeting on July 29, 2026.

M/S/C (Reed/Hastey) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve an increase of 12.5% for the Anthem HMO medical plans, effective January 1, 2027.

M/S/C (Reed/Hastey) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve an increase of 0.61% to Kaiser HMO rates, effective January 1, 2027.

M/S/C (Reed/Hastey) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes):

McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve renewing the KPSA plans with no change in rates, effective January 1, 2027.

M/S/C (Reed/Hastey) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve renewal with no change in rates for the Anthem Employee Assistance Program, effective January 1, 2027.

M/S/C (Reed/Hastey) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve an increase of 7% to UHC Medicare Advantage PPO rates, effective January 1, 2027.

M/S/C (Reed/Hastey) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee receive and file the Anthem Claims Audit.

M/S/C (Reed/Lu-Yang) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve an aggregate increase of 12% for the Anthem self-funded PPO medical plans, including funding for the purchase of Anthem Total Health Complete navigator services and a not-to-exceed funding amount for Stop Loss coverage through CWIF with a \$2M specific attachment point and a \$5M aggregate policy cost cap, effective January 1, 2027.

M/S/C (Reed/Lu-Yang) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve renewing the Delta PPO and DeltaCare HMO plans with no change in rates, effective January 1, 2027.

M/S/C (Reed/Hastey) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve renewing the VSP plans with no change in rates, effective January 1, 2027.

M/S/C (Reed/Ratterman) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee approve renewal of the Life and Disability Insurance Program with The Standard, including the negotiated enhancements to the voluntary life insurance program, a 15% increase to employee and spouse voluntary life insurance rates only, and

no change to employer-paid basic life insurance, short-term disability, and long-term disability rates, effective January 1, 2027.

X. UPDATES

ACWA Update

Ms. Giammona provided a brief update on ACWA's current initiatives and upcoming events, including the Executive Edge Leadership Forum, the ACWA Fall Conference, and regional events. ACWA's new Executive Director is scheduled to begin on September 1, 2026.

CEO Update

Ms. Beatty provided an update on AEGIS, parametric earthquake insurance coverage, AGRiP's annual Board Retreat, and the progress of the new building.

Ms. Beatty and Ms. Jobe attended the AEGIS Policyholder's Conference in Calgary. AEGIS, the lead carrier on the Property Program quota share tower, provides 35% of the coverage above the JPIA's \$10 million retention. As a mutual insurance company, AEGIS returns dividends to its members and recently awarded the JPIA a member credit of nearly \$27,000 in recognition of its long-term participation. Ms. Beatty reported that loss control service fees may be offset through available credits and that early indications for the April 1, 2027, property renewal suggest an approximate 7.5% rate decrease across the quota share tower.

JPIA's parametric earthquake insurance policy was triggered following an earthquake in Mendocino County during the week of June 22, 2026. One member, Redwood Valley County Water District, qualified for coverage because it has insured property within a triggered grid cell. Upon certifying at least \$1,440 in earthquake-related expenses, such as overtime or inspection costs, the District will receive a \$7,200 payment under the Policy. Ms. Beatty noted this experience highlights the value of the program, which provides efficient payouts without the need for a traditional claims process.

Ms. Beatty reported attending the annual AGRiP Board Retreat in Denver. Discussions focused on the long-term sustainability of public entity risk pools and the challenges facing the industry, including advances in artificial intelligence, technology modernization, workforce changes, and ongoing financial pressures affecting public agencies. Participants completed an exercise identifying factors that could threaten the future viability of risk pools, emphasizing that long-term success will depend on how organizations respond to these challenges. Successful pools are expanding beyond traditional insurance and risk management services by providing scalable resources such as human resources, cybersecurity, and workforce support. She noted that the JPIA's current strategic planning efforts are aligned with this direction.

Ms. Beatty provided an update on the new building progress, noting that the project is in the final stages of schematic design. Planning for offices, workstations, and space layouts has been completed, and the focus has shifted to infrastructure, including audiovisual systems, information technology, security, and electrical and network requirements. JPIA's IT Manager, Joe Rumenapp, has been added to the weekly

design meetings, with audiovisual and security consultants assisting in finalizing project specifications. Once the remaining design details are completed, plans will be submitted for review and approval by the city, state, and homeowners' association. She also shared that requests for proposals are underway for both the building construction and a separate solar-covered parking project. Future phases will include selection of furniture, finishes, and interior design elements, with renderings expected to be presented at the Fall Summit. Completion and occupancy are now targeted for Spring 2027, prior to the Spring Summit.

XI. UPCOMING MEETING

Request for Future Agenda Items

Director Reed requested that an item be added to the next agenda to discuss developing a procurement policy, including Executive-level approval thresholds.

Availability for Next Meeting

The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet next on September 25, 2026.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

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

M/S/C (Hastey/Lu-Yang) (Gonzales-Brady-Yes; Hastey-Yes; Kapheim-Yes; Lu-Yang-Yes; Ratterman-Yes; Reed-Yes; Rupp-Absent; Wheaton-Yes; McDonald-Yes): That the Executive Committee adjourn to Closed Session.

At approximately 4:18 PM, 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. RWE Clean Energy, LLC., et.al. v. Deer Creek Storm Water District (DOI: 3/18/2024)
 - 2. City of Carlsbad v. Olivenhain Municipal Water District (DOI: 8/18/2025)

The Committee returned to open session at approximately 4:32 PM.

Closed Session Item A: No reportable action.

Closed Session Item B: No reportable action.

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Attest:

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Melody McDonald
Chair

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Adrienne Beatty
Secretary