

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

243 W. Sycamore Street, Willows, CA 95988

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:00 P.M.

Attendance

Staff: Scott Schimke, Rick Krepelka, Jennifer Peters, Jennifer DelCastillo, Dave Glende (remote), Jaheesha Griffin, Tim McClanahan, Sam Adams, Nick Valdivia, Veronica Corriea, and Jake Dickman (remote)

Board Members: Gina Taylor (remote), Rick Beale (arrived after Agenda Item IV), Matt Romano, Tony Arendt, Jim Jones, Neal Quinn, and Jim Yoder (absent)

Guests: Jennifer Jobe, CAJPA (remote), Arthur Ngo, BakerTilly (remote)

1. Welcome and Introductions - Gina Taylor

President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Role Call - Veronica Corriea

3. Public Comment and Unscheduled Matters - Gina Taylor

Receive comments from the audience, staff, and Board members, and, if deemed necessary, schedule the matter on a subsequent Board agenda.

At this time, members of the public have the opportunity to address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

No public comment received at this time. No unscheduled matters.

4. Election of Board Officers - Scott Schimke

Executive Director Schimke advised the Board that, pursuant to GSRMA's governing documents, the Board needed to elect a President and Vice-President for 2026. Tony Arendt suggested the existing officers resume their roles for the next term.

- a. President of the Board
- b. Vice President of the Board

Motion: Re-elect Gina Taylor for President and Rick Beale for Vice President
Motion moved by Jim Jones and seconded by Neal Quinn.

Ayes: Gina Taylor, Matt Romano, Tony Arendt, Jim Jones, Neal Quinn

Noes: No

Absent: Jim Yoder and Rick Beale

Motion passes with 5 ayes.

5. **Consent Agenda** – *Gina Taylor*

- a. September 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes – *Gina Taylor*
- b. Reaffirm Treasurer's authority to reinvest, sell, and exchange securities – *Scott Schimke*
- c. Reaffirm GSRMA Conflict of Interest Code – *Scott Schimke*

President Taylor reviewed the consent agenda including the September 10, 2025, meeting minutes.

Executive Director Schimke reaffirmed the Treasurer's authority to invest and presented the GSRMA Conflict of Interest Code.

Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion moved by Jim Jones and seconded by Neal Quinn.

Ayes: Gina Taylor, Rick Beale, Matt Romano, Tony Arendt, Jim Jones, Neal Quinn

Absent: Jim Yoder

Motion passes with 6 ayes.

6. **Special Presentation** – *Jennifer Jobe*

- a. CAJPA Accreditation
Every three years, GSRMA participates in the CAJPA accreditation process. GSRMA staff submitted all of the information needed regarding topics, such as risk control, claims management, underwriting operations, and administrative management. Once again, GSRMA passed with "Accreditation with Excellence" as they have every 3 years since 1992. Tim McClannahan headed the project for this year's accreditation process.

7. **Information-Reports**

- a. Member Services/Loss Prevention – *Jennifer Peters*
Chief Member Services Officer, Jennifer Peters, updated the Board on
 - Loss Prevention Subsidy Fund 25-26-halfway through the year with \$19,610.32 of \$50,000 budgeted available.
 - Member visits, meeting and trainings completed since August 22-December 31, 2025.
 - 2026 Labor Law Poster update-will be shipped to members this week.
 - AB 827 expands which local agency staff are required to take ethics training, plus adds a fiscal and financial training requirement. The new training is required annually, and requires that public entities maintain training records for public access for up to 5 years.

Motion: None by the Board.

b. Claims – *Jaheesha Griffin*

Jaheesha Griffin, Senior Workers' Compensation Claims Examiner, updated the Board on

- Status: Medical Management has been selected as GSRMA's new Utilization Review vendor.
- SB 487 (effective January 1st, 2026) limits employers' reimbursement from 3rd parties for police and fire employee workers' compensation claims. This will result in higher claims costs for WC insurers and risk pools.

Motion: None by the Board.

c. Executive Director – *Scott Schimke*

Executive Director Schimke updated the Board on

- Status of Strategic Planning Goals for 25-26 that had been approved by the Board at their July meeting.
- The development of a Board Alternate Policy that would add 2 alternate positions to ensure a quorum for all Board meetings. Per Board Counsel, such a policy would need to be implemented via a bylaw modification.
- Staff members of CCSD & CASS will be attending PARMA along with GSRMA staff: Tricia, Jake, and Nick.
- AGRiP conference will be held in Nashville March 1-4. GSRMA staff Jennifer Peters will be attending.
- The next annual CAJPA conference will be held September 15-18 in Lake Tahoe.

Motion: None by the Board.

d. Board Comments

- Rick Beale mentioned that his staff are working on their RMAP paperwork. There have been a lot of improvements in the process, and they appreciate how quickly they are getting feedback on the documents they have provided. Working with GSRMA staff Sarah has been a great experience.
- Interactions with the HR hotline service provided by PRISM have resulted in members sharing very positive feedback. Scott will relay the message to PRISM.
- Gina thanked everyone for their hard work on the CAJPA accreditation. A testament to Jennifer Peters being a committee member. We were the first risk pool to go through the new standards. It is a lot of work. Internally the new person gets the task of the accreditation – Tim initiated and did great.

Motion: None by the Board.

8. **Finance** - *Jennifer DelCastillo and Arthur Ngo*

- a. Approval of GSRMA 2024-2025 Annual Financial Audit
Arthur Ngo, CPA, from BakerTilly, provided the Board with the GSRMA 2024-2025 annual financial audit. We are funded over the 90% confidence level. All programs are well-funded. This spring, we will evaluate coverage options and work with actuaries to maintain such conservative funding levels.

Motion: Approve 2024-2025 annual financial audit as presented.
Motion moved by Matt Romano and seconded by Jim Jones.

Ayes: Gina Taylor, Rick Beale, Matt Romano, Jim Jones, Tony Arendt, Neal Quinn

Noes: No

Absent: Jim Yoder

Motion passes with 6 ayes.

- b. Approval of financial reports for period ending November 30, 2025
Chief Financial Officer DelCastillo presented bills and financial reports and recommended to the board approval as presented.

Motion: Approve financial payments and reports as presented.
Motion moved by Jim Jones and seconded by Neal Quinn.

Ayes: Gina Taylor, Rick Beale, Matt Romano, Jim Jones, Tony Arendt, Neal Quinn

Noes: No

Absent: Jim Yoder

Motion passes with 6 ayes.

9. **GSRMA Membership** - *Tim McClanahan*

- a. New members for Board Ratification
1. California Wildfire Mitigation Program Authority
 2. Ballico Cortez Water District
 3. Tuolumne County Local Agency Formation Commission

Program Specialist Tim McClanahan presented staff's recommendation to ratify membership for California Wildfire Mitigation Program Authority, Ballico Cortez Water District, and Tuolumne County Local Agency Formation Commission.

Motion: Motion to ratify membership for districts as presented.
Motion moved by Rick Beale and seconded by Tony Arendt.

Ayes: Gina Taylor, Rick Beale, Matt Romano, Jim Jones, Tony Arendt, Neal Quinn

Noes: No

Absent: Jim Yoder

Motion passes with 6 ayes.

10. Administration – *Scott Schimke*

- a. Approval of candidate districts for incoming Board member elections for City, Cemetery, and School District representation (effective July 1, 2026) – *Scott Schimke*

Given that only one candidate district was nominated to each open spot, no election will be necessary. The candidate districts are Cemeteries: Orland Cemetery District; Cities: City of Crescent City; Schools: Willows Unified School District.

Motion: Approve candidate districts presented to provide representatives to serve on the board for 2026–27 and 2027–28.

Motion moved by Neal Quinn and seconded by Matt Romano.

Ayes: Gina Taylor, Rick Beale, Matt Romano, Jim Jones, Tony Arendt, Neal Quinn

Noes: No

Absent: Jim Yoder

Motion passes with 6 ayes.

- b. Tulare Cemetery District - Risk Exposure Update – *Jennifer Peters*
Chief Member Services Officer Peters presented an update on the changes happening at Tulare Cemetery District. Tulare County Board of Supervisors is currently governing the district. The County CAO is acting manager. They have created a fulltime manager position they will be filling and passed an updated budget.

Motion: None by the Board.

- c. Rancho Murieta Community Service District - Risk Exposure Update – *Rick Krepelka*
Chief Administrative Officer, Rick Krepelka, updated the Board on the status of Rancho Murieta Community Services District. They have hired a finance person to help get caught up on past due audits and get their books in order. They also engaged an HR firm to upgrade and oversee their HR processes.

Motion: None by the Board.

11. Future Meetings

- a. March 11, 2026
- b. May 13, 2026
- c. July 8, 2026

12. Adjournment

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.