



Meeting Date: June 26, 2019

Agenda Item: # 15

AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT:

Adoption of Resolution No. 2019-10 acknowledging Mendocino Transit Authority approval of the amended Joint Powers Agreement forming the California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority and authorizing the General Manager to sign the amended Agreement.

SUMMARY:

Mendocino Transit Authority joined California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority (CalTIP or Authority) in 1987 to obtain liability coverage (vehicle physical damage coverage) and risk management services through jointly pooling resources with the other transit agencies that are members of the Authority. CalTIP has provided competitive rates and needed risk management services over the years. As were many other self-insurance pools, CalTIP was formed in 1987 during a difficult time for public entities to obtain coverage from the insurance market. Although the difficulty of obtaining insurance from the standard markets eventually waned, the coverage provided by the insurance industry usually was not tailored to the specific needs of the public entities and did not provide the tailored risk management services.

CalTIP was formed with the signing of a joint powers agreement by each of its members. The Agreement was drafted in 1987 and was last amended in May 2011 to align the document with current operations and practices of the authority at that time. The document has not been updated since then.

The current amendments to the Agreement are the result of discussions with CalTIP's Oversight Committee and Board to address CalTIP's ongoing challenges associated with achieving certain quorum requirements at Board meetings in order to conduct business and to ensure the governing documents align with CalTIP's current practices and procedures.

CalTIP's draft Agreement and Bylaws with changes shown in redline were distributed to all CalTIP members on April 3, 2019, to provide members with time to review the changes, provide comments, and ask questions.

At its April 18th meeting, the CalTIP Board approved submitting the amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement to the Parties for approval. In addition, the CalTIP Board approved the Bylaws as amended to become effective upon approval of the Agreement. While the CalTIP Board has the authority to approve the amendments to the CalTIP Bylaws, because the Agreement refers to that document, it has been included for informational purposes.

SUMMARY CONTINUED:

The Agreement needs to be adopted by the governing bodies of at least three-fourths of the members of CalTIP, although CalTIP believes it best to have all members adopt the amended Agreement. The amendments are intended to address ongoing challenges with quorum requirements and provide the CalTIP Board the flexibility and ability to make decisions and carry-forth initiatives in a more expeditious manner to the benefit of the organization. Each member, including Mendocino Transit Authority, has representation on the CalTIP Board of Directors and each director has similar interests as Mendocino Transit Authority in the operations of CalTIP because each member is a transit agency similar to Mendocino Transit Authority. Thus, staff respectfully requests the MTA Board of Directors to pass the attached Resolution No. 2019-10.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2019-10 acknowledging Mendocino Transit Authority's approval of the amended Joint Powers Agreement forming the California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority and authorizing the General Manager to sign the amended Agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2019-10
Amended CalTIP Joint Powers Agreement – 2019
Amended CalTIP Bylaws – 2019
[Comparison of Amended Joint Powers Agreement to Current Agreement]

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
APPROVING THE AMENDED JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT
FORMING THE
CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SYSTEMS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the MTA Board of Directors approved entering into an agreement in 1987 that provided for the creation of the California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority (hereinafter CalTIP) for the purpose of jointly funding tort liabilities and other losses and providing risk management services to reduce such losses;

WHEREAS, CalTIP has provided Mendocino Transit Authority coverage for such liabilities (including losses to vehicles) at overall cost-effective pricing;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Mendocino Transit Authority finds it is in the best interest of Mendocino Transit Authority to continue its participation in CalTIP and obtain liability coverage and risk management services from CalTIP;

WHEREAS, the joint powers authority agreement of CalTIP has retained its original form as drafted in 1987 and amended in 2011 and there have been changes in operations of CalTIP since that time;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes the need to amend the CalTIP joint powers authority agreement to enable CalTIP to effectively govern the organization and adapt to changes in the environment in which CalTIP operates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Mendocino Transit Authority accepts the changes to the joint powers authority agreement as presented, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to sign the amended joint powers authority agreement that shall enable the Mendocino Transit Authority to continue to enjoy the joint self-insurance and risk management programs provided by CalTIP.

THIS RESOLUTION DULY PASSED this 26th day of June, 2019 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Attest: _____
James W. Mastin, Chairman

Carla A. Meyer, General Manager

California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority

Comparison of JPA Agreements – Current versus Proposed

Current to Proposed:

Current JPA Reference	Changes in Proposed JPA	Proposed JPA Reference
Page 1, Lines 1 - 3	Changing the opening paragraph prior to recitals for clarification purposes.	Page 1, Lines 1 - 3
Page 1, Line 27	Adding language to clarify the amended Agreement will become effective as soon as three-quarters of the current Parties to the Agreement approve the Agreement.	Page 1, Lines 26 - 27
Page 2, Lines 81 - 83	Article IV – Term of Agreement: Adding language to clarify the agreement is effective as amended from time to time.	Page 2, Lines 85 - 87
Page 3, Line 111 - 112	Article VII – Governing Documents: Including language stating the amended Bylaws are attached to the document and noting they will be deemed adopted upon the effective date of the Agreement. (The Board has the authority to adopt the Bylaws; however, because some of the amendments to the Bylaws dovetail with the amendments to the Agreement, the Board adopted the amended Bylaws to become effective upon the effective date of the Agreement). The language was also changed to clarify the Board may amend the Bylaws.	Page 3, Lines 113 - 114
Page 3, Line 130	Article VIII – Responsibilities of the Parties: Clarifying one or more Alternates may be appointed to the Board, which is CalTIP's current practice.	Page 3, Line 134
Page 4, Lines 148 - 154	Article X – Board of Directors: Adding language to maintain consistency regarding appointment of "one or more Alternates" to the Board, referring to the Bylaws for specifics regarding the constitution of the Board of Directors, and removing the specifics from the Agreement.	Page 4, Lines 153 - 154
Page 5, Line 202 - 203	Article XVI – New Parties: Removing the quorum requirement from this section of the Agreement. Specifics regarding the quorum requirement are contained in the amended Bylaws. (The Bylaws require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board present and voting).	N/A
Page 6, Lines 221 - 223	Article XVIII – Expulsion: Removing the quorum requirement from this section of the Agreement and referencing the Bylaws. (The Bylaws require a three-fourths vote of the Board present and voting). Adding language to clarify written notice of such action will be provided to the expelled Party at least 90 days prior to the effective date of the expulsion.	Page 6, Lines 220 - 222
N/A	Article XXII – Notices: Adding language stating notices of meetings may be provided via e-mail.	Page 7, Lines 290 - 291
Page 7, Line 303	Article XXV – Amendments: Changing the approval requirement to amend the Agreement from three-fourths of the Parties to two-thirds of the Parties for future amendments.	Page 7, Line 310

CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SYSTEMS

JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

AMENDED AND RESTATED
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

As Amended 2019

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AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

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This Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement (“Agreement”) is executed by and among those public entities which are signatories to this Agreement. Such parties shall hereinafter be referred to individually as “Party” or collectively, “Parties.”

RECITALS

Whereas, Article 1, Chapter 5, Division 7, Title 1 of the California Government Code (Section 6500 et seq.) permits two or more public entities, by agreement, to exercise jointly powers common to the contracting parties; and

Whereas, it is the mutual benefit of the Parties and in the public interest that the Parties join together to provide:

- Pooling of their self-insured losses caused by injury to, or disease of, a person or damage to property;
- Sharing the cost of excess insurance or reinsurance, if any, or pooling with other joint powers authorities or public entity pooling arrangement; and
- Sharing the administration of the Authority created by this document.

Whereas, each Party desires to enter into this Agreement with each of the other Parties for the purpose of joint risk sharing and/or insuring against various risk of loss jointly, rather than individually;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

AGREEMENT

This amended Agreement replaces and restates in its entirety the Agreement and any prior amendments that may exist and is effective upon approval by three-quarters of the current Parties to the Agreement.

This Agreement is made under the authority of Government Code Section 6500 et seq. between the undersigned public entities, after the governing boards of the entities determine that it is in their best interest to execute this Agreement.

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to exercise jointly powers common to each Party by:

- Creating an authority under Government Code Section 6500 et seq., a public entity that is separate and apart from the Parties, to be known as the California Transit System Joint Powers Authority, to administer a self-insurance pool,
- Sharing losses and purchase as a group, insurance or reinsurance and participate in other joint powers authorities or other public entity pooling arrangements,
- Maintaining funds sufficient to pay the losses to which the Parties agree to share through a Coverage Program, and
- Purchasing jointly administrative and other services, including risk management, loss prevention, and legal defense in connection with the Coverage Programs.

ARTICLE II - CREATION OF THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SYSTEMS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 et seq., the Parties to this Agreement hereby create a public entity separate and apart from the Parties. This public entity created by this Agreement shall be known as the California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority.

ARTICLE III - DEFINITIONS

1. "Authority" shall mean the California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority.
2. "Board" or "Board of Directors" shall mean the governing board of the Authority.
3. "Coverage Programs" shall mean programs as defined and adopted by the Board which may, but need not be limited to pooled risk programs, group purchase of insurance or reinsurance, or participation in other public entity pooling programs.
4. "Coverage Program Documents" shall mean the Master Program Document defining the policies and procedures of the program and the Memorandum of Coverage defining the coverage provided by the program.
5. "Contributions" shall mean payments by Members to the Authority, for other than interest, penalties paid, or reimbursements for payments made on behalf of the Member, for which the Authority is not liable.
6. "Governing Documents" shall be those documents described in Article VII, Governing Documents.
7. "Member" or collectively "Members" shall mean a Party who is participating in a particular Coverage Program.
8. "Party" shall mean a signatory to this Agreement.
9. "Officer" shall mean an officer of the Authority as defined in Article XIII.

ARTICLE IV - PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT

Each Party to this Agreement certifies that it intends to, and does, contract with all other Parties who are signatories to this Agreement, and any signatories that may sign this Agreement in the future, pursuant to Article XVI. The withdrawal of any Party to this Agreement shall not affect this Agreement as respects the remaining Parties and those remaining Parties' intent to be bound by this Agreement.

ARTICLE V - TERM OF AGREEMENT

As authorized by Government Code Section 6510, this Agreement which was originally effective May 1, 1987 shall stay in full force, as amended from time to time, until terminated in accordance with Article XX.

ARTICLE VI - POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY

The powers of the Authority shall be the powers enjoyed by the County of Nevada or, if the County of Nevada is no longer a Party to this Agreement then, the County of Siskiyou, and is authorized to do all acts necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Agreement including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Make and enter into contracts;
2. Incur debts, liabilities and obligations, but no debt, liability or obligation of the Authority is the debt, liability or obligation of any Party except as otherwise provided;
3. Acquire, hold or dispose of real and personal property;
4. Receive contributions and donations of property, funds, services and other forms of assistance from any source;
5. Assess Parties as deemed appropriate by the Board;
6. Sue and be sued in its own name;
7. Acquire, construct, manage and maintain buildings; and
8. Lease real or personal property including property of a Party, and receive, collect, invest and disburse monies.

These powers shall be executed in a manner provided by appropriate law and as set forth in this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The attached amended Bylaws shall be deemed adopted upon the effective date of this Agreement. Thereafter, the Board of Directors may amend the Bylaws consistent with this Agreement and applicable law to govern the operations of the Authority. The Board of Directors may adopt Coverage Program Documents, consistent with this Agreement and the Bylaws. These Coverage Program Documents define the Coverage Programs, the Members' rights and duties, the Authority's rights and duties, and the operations of the programs. The Board may also adopt policies and procedures, consistent with this Agreement, the Bylaws, or Coverage Program Documents, to assist in the governance of the Authority's operations and activities. The Agreement, the Bylaws, Coverage Program Documents and policies and procedures adopted by the Board shall constitute the Governing Documents of the Authority.

Unless otherwise stated, a Governing Document may be amended by a majority of the Board of Directors at a duly noticed regular or special Board meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

The Parties to this Agreement shall have the following responsibilities:

1. To abide by the terms of this Agreement and other Governing Documents;
2. To cooperate fully with the Authority in the settlement of claims;
3. To pay Contributions, assessments, or other charges promptly to the Authority when due; and
4. To appoint a Director and one or more Alternates to the Board of Directors and to reappoint those positions upon the departure of anyone from those positions.

ARTICLE IX - POWERS RESERVED UNTO THE PARTIES

The Parties reserve unto themselves the following powers:

1. To amend this Agreement;
2. Appoint the Representatives and Alternates to the Board of Directors; and
3. To terminate the Authority in accordance with Article XX.

ARTICLE X - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There shall be a Board of Directors to govern the affairs of the Authority. The Board of Directors shall have all the powers of the Authority except those specifically reserved to the Parties. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to create committees as deemed necessary for the operations of the Authority. The Board has the power to delegate any and all of its powers, not specifically reserved exclusively to the Board, to a committee or an Officer of the Authority.

The Board of Directors shall consist of one Director and one or more Alternates for each Party to this Agreement as provided for in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI - DUTIES OF THE BOARD NOT DELEGABLE

The Board may not delegate to any committee, office or person the authority to:

1. Adopt, amend or alter the Bylaws;
2. Adopt the Authority's Annual Budget;
3. Create a Coverage Program;
4. Accept a Party to this Agreement; or
5. Expel a Party to this Agreement.

ARTICLE XII - BOARD MEETINGS AND RECORDS

The Board of Directors shall hold at least one meeting each fiscal year. Regular and special meetings may be called in accordance with the Bylaws of this Authority and applicable laws. All meetings shall be open to the public except as permitted by Government Code Section 54950 et seq. The Secretary shall keep full and complete minutes of all Board meetings.

ARTICLE XIII - OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

The Board shall elect one of its members as Chairperson and one as Vice Chairperson. The Board shall appoint a Secretary. The duties of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary shall be defined in the Bylaws.

In lieu of the designation of a treasurer and auditor as per Government Code Section 6505.6, the Board shall elect a Treasurer, who shall have, among other duties defined in the Bylaws, the duties of the treasurer and auditor as described in Government Code Section 6505.5.

The Board may appoint other officers of the Authority as described in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV - ANNUAL BUDGET

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6508, the Board shall approve a budget for any given fiscal year prior to the inception of that year.

ARTICLE XV - ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

The Authority shall be responsible for the strict accountability of all funds and reports of all receipts and disbursements in conformity with Government Code Section 6505. All funds of the Authority may be held in common although there shall be a separate accounting for funds of each Coverage Program.

ARTICLE XVI - NEW PARTIES

Prospective Parties may apply to the Board of Directors at any time. The Board shall have the power to accept a prospective Party, after reviewing their application. The membership shall become effective upon the Board's approval and the signing of this Agreement, participation in all mandatory Coverage Programs, and compliance with any and all other requirements imposed upon membership by the Bylaws or other Governing Documents.

ARTICLE XVII - WITHDRAWAL

A Party to this Agreement may not withdraw as a party to this Agreement prior to being a Party for at least three full fiscal years. A Party, who has been a Party for at least three full fiscal years, may withdraw from this Agreement only on the completion of a fiscal year. The Party must provide the Chairperson written notice of intent to withdraw at least six-months prior to withdrawal. The Party may rescind its notice of intent to withdraw at any time prior to ninety-days prior to the commencement of the next fiscal year. The Board may authorize rescission of the intent to withdraw upon a Party's request pursuant to the Bylaws at any time.

ARTICLE XVIII - EXPULSION

The Board may expel a Party to this Agreement as a Party as provided for in the Bylaws. The expelled Party shall be given written notice of such action of the Board at least ninety-days prior to the effective date of the expulsion.

ARTICLE XIX - EFFECT OF EXPULSION OR WITHDRAWAL

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6512.2, termination of any Party to this Agreement as a Party shall not be construed to be completion of the purpose of the Agreement and shall not require the return of any Contributions, payments or advances made by the Party until the Agreement is rescinded or terminated by all Parties in accordance with Article XX.

Termination of a Party to this Agreement as a Party shall not terminate its continuing responsibilities defined in any Governing Document or Coverage Program Document for the period of time in which the Party participated, including, but not limited to:

1. Cooperate fully with the Authority in the investigation and settlement of a claim;
2. Pay any Contributions, retentions or deductibles, assessments or other charges which are due and payable; and
3. Provide any statistical or loss experience data and other information as may be necessary for the Authority to carry out the purpose of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XX - TERMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION

This Agreement may be terminated at any time with written consent of three-fourths of the Parties; provided, however, that this Agreement and the Authority shall exist for the purpose of disposing of all claims, distribution of assets and any other functions necessary to wind up the affairs of the Authority. The Board shall be vested with all the powers of the Authority for the purposes of winding down and dissolving the business affairs of the Authority, including the power to assess past and present Parties in accordance with Coverage Program Documents.

In accordance with Government Code Section 6512, all assets of the Authority shall be distributed among those who were Parties within ten years of termination, in proportion to the Parties' Contributions. The Board shall determine when claims and liabilities are sufficiently realized as to not jeopardize the payment of any claim or liability that may arise in the future.

ARTICLE XXI - LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6508.1, the debts, liabilities and obligations of the Authority shall not constitute debts, liabilities or obligations of any Party, except to the extent and in the proportions, imposed by the Bylaws or other Governing Documents. Each Party is independent of every other Party and of the Authority and not the agent of any Party or of the Authority. In contemplation of the provisions of Section 895.2 of the California Government Code, imposing certain tort liability jointly

upon public entities, solely by reason of a joint powers agreement as defined in Section 895 of that code, each Party, as between each other, pursuant to the authorization contained in Section 895.4 and 895.6 of that code, does hereby assume the full liability imposed upon it, or any of its officers, agents, or employees by law for injury caused by a negligent or wrongful act or omission occurring in the performance of this Agreement, to the same extent that such liability would be imposed in the absence of Section 895.2 of the California Government Code. To achieve the above-stated purpose, each Party shall indemnify and hold harmless each other Party for any loss, costs, or expense that may be imposed upon such other Party solely by virtue of Section 895.2. The provisions of Section 2778 of the California Civil Code are made a part of this Agreement as if set forth fully in this Agreement.

The members of the Board of Directors and the Officers and employees of the Authority shall act in good faith and in the best interests of the Authority in the performance of their duties. The members of the Board of Directors and Officers and employees shall be liable for an act or omission within the scope of their employment with the Authority as a public entity only in the event that they act or fail to act because of actual fraud, corruption, or malice. No member shall be liable for any actions taken or omissions by another member of the Board. Funds of the Authority shall be used to defend and indemnify members of the Board, Officers, and employees for any act or omission pursuant to the provisions of the Government Code Section 910 to 996.6, inclusive. The Authority may purchase insurance covering acts or omissions of the Board of Directors, Officers, and employees.

ARTICLE XXII - NOTICES

Notices to any or all Parties shall be sufficient if mailed to their respective addresses on file with the Authority. Notice to the Authority shall be sufficient if mailed to the official address of the Authority as established by Resolution. Notices of meetings may be given by electronic mail to the respective electronic mail addresses on file with the Authority, which notice shall be deemed sufficient notice.

ARTICLE XXIII - PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT

No Party may assign any right, claim, or interest it may have under this Agreement, and no creditor, assignee, or third party beneficiary of the Party shall have any right, claim or title to any part, share, interest, fund, premium, or asset of the Authority.

ARTICLE XXIV - ARBITRATION

Any controversy between the Parties hereto arising out of this Agreement shall be submitted to arbitration, and such arbitration shall comply with and be governed by the provisions of the California Arbitration Act, Sections 1280 through 1294.2 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

ARTICLE XXV - AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended at any time by approval of two-thirds of the Parties.

ARTICLE XXVI - AGREEMENT COMPLETE

The foregoing constitutes the full and complete agreement of the Parties. There are no oral understandings or agreements not set forth in writing herein.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned Party hereto has executed this Agreement on the date indicated below:

Date: _____

By: _____

Printed Name of Authorized Signor

Signature of Authorized Signor

Title of Authorized Signor

Name of Agency

CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SYSTEMS

JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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BYLAWS

For the regulation of the California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority, except as otherwise provided by statute or the Joint Powers Agreement creating the California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority, also known as the California Transit Indemnity Pool ("CalTIP").

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

The terms in these Bylaws have the same definitions as those given in the Joint Powers Agreement Creating the California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority, unless otherwise specified herein.

- A. "Master Program Document" is a document issued by the Authority specifying the rights and obligations of the Authority and the Members in the Coverage Program as well as the procedures and operations of the program.
- B. "Memorandum of Coverage" is the document issued by the Authority to the Members in a Coverage Program, specifying the type, term, and amount of coverage provided by the Authority.

ARTICLE II - OFFICES

The principal executive office for the transaction of business of the Authority is hereby fixed and located at the address shown in Appendix A. Notwithstanding Article XVI, the Board shall have the authority to change the location of the principal executive office from time to time by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors present at a duly authorized meeting and with 30 days' prior notice of such change. A revised Appendix A will be distributed to all then current Parties to the Agreement. Other business offices may at any time be established by the Board at any place or places.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. GOVERNING BOARD

In accordance with Article X of the Agreement, the Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Authority. Each Party's governing board shall appoint, by resolution, an officer or employee of the Party to be the Director and one or more officers or employees of the Party to act as Alternate on the Board of Directors of the Authority. Such appointment shall not take effect until such resolution is received by the Authority at its executive office as defined in Article II above, and the appointees have complied with the Authority's Conflict of Interest Policy. Voting members of the Board of Directors shall be the Directors, or in the case of their absence, an Alternate. Alternates shall have all the same rights to hold office or sit on committees as a Director. No more than one alternate may exercise a Party's voting rights at a meeting.

The Board of Directors shall provide policy direction to the committees, the Officers, and any employees or contracted service providers of the Authority. The Board may delegate any and all powers except those specifically reserved onto the Board or specifically requiring a vote by the Board of Directors. The Board cannot delegate the following powers:

- 1. By a three-fourths vote of the Directors present and voting:
 - a. Expel an existing member from the Authority.

2. By a two-thirds vote of the Directors present and voting:
 - a. Accept a new Party to this Agreement.
3. By a majority vote of the Directors present and voting:
 - a. Amend these Bylaws pursuant to Article XVI of these Bylaws;
 - b. Create or terminate any self-insurance, group purchase insurance program, or Coverage program;
 - c. Remove an officer of the Authority or committee member;
 - d. Adopt an operating budget for each of the Authority's fiscal years;
 - e. Authorize a payment of a dividend, or charge an assessment under a retrospective adjustment;
 - f. Change the location of the principal executive office; or
 - g. Authorize a cash assessment.

B. MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950) as it now exists or may be amended from time to time. The Secretary shall cause notice to be given of all meetings and cause minutes to be prepared and distributed to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors cannot conduct business unless a quorum is present at the meeting. A quorum consists of a majority of the Directors, or in the absence of a Director, the Alternate, that have complied with the requirements of Article III, A, and vacancies shall not be counted in determining a quorum. An official set of minutes of all Board meetings shall be kept at the principal executive offices of the Authority as defined in Article II.

All matters duly noticed and within the purview of the Board of Directors may be decided by a simple majority of those Directors voting at a regular or special meeting, unless the Governing Documents prescribe otherwise. Where the matter before the Board affects a particular Coverage Program, other than the financing of the Program, only those Directors representing Parties participating in the Coverage Program may vote; provided, however, that in the absence of a quorum of Coverage Program participant representatives the vote shall be by the Board of Directors.

The Board shall have at least one regular meeting a fiscal year. The date and time of such meeting and all other regular meetings of the Board for the next fiscal year shall be established by resolution of the Board adopted at the last regular Board meeting of the then current fiscal year.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956, a special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the Oversight Committee or by the Chairperson, with 24 hours' notice, stating the time and place of such meeting and the matter to be discussed. Such notice may be delivered personally, by way of electronic transmission (other than voice communication) or by mail. Notice by mail must be received at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

All meetings may be postponed or cancelled by the Chairperson with at least 24 hours' prior notice.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTION AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

A. ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS

The Officers of the Board of Directors shall be the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and

Secretary. The Officers shall be elected in the following manner:

1. Each Director may place any member of the Oversight Committee in nomination for the offices of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Each Director may place any member of the Board in nomination for the office of Treasurer.
2. Each Director shall cast one vote for the candidate of his or her choice for each office.
3. The terms of office of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, and Treasurer shall be two years, commencing during the even numbered years. The Officers will begin serving terms upon the beginning of the fiscal year immediately following the election. The terms as Officers will end on the last day of a fiscal year. No officer may serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office. An exception may be made for the Treasurer's office if there are no other qualified Directors to serve.
4. Elections will be held whenever there is an Officer vacancy to fill the unexpired term.
5. The Office of the Secretary of the Board of Directors shall be the General Manager unless a separate Secretary of the Board of Directors is appointed by the Board of Directors.
6. The Office of Secretary has no set term but continues until there is a new General Manager or the Board appoints another as Secretary.

B. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The duties of the Chairperson shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board and to perform such other duties as the Board may specify. Upon the death, incapacity, or vacancy in the office of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall succeed to such office automatically, subject to ratification by the Board at its next meeting, at which time the Board shall also elect a new Vice Chairperson.

The duties of the Vice Chairperson shall be to act as the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson and to perform such other duties as the Board may specify.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be those specified in the Agreement, duties imposed on the Treasurer and Controller/Auditor as defined in Section 6505.5 and 6506 of the California Government Code and other duties as required by law or as specified by the Board. The Authority, at its own expense, shall maintain a bond covering the Treasurer and any other person having contact with funds of the Authority in an amount not less than \$250,000.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to cause minutes to be kept and to perform such other duties as the Board may specify.

ARTICLE V - OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

There shall be an Oversight Committee consisting of not less than seven nor more than nine members from the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall elect each member to a term of two-years concurrent with the fiscal year of the Authority, and commencing during the even numbered years. The Board of Directors shall determine the number of members to serve for the following two years at the time of each election. The elected members will begin serving terms upon the beginning of the fiscal year immediately following the election. The terms as elected members will end on the last day of a fiscal year. There is no maximum number of terms a member can serve. A vacancy shall be filled by an election by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

The Board Chairperson shall be the Chair of the Oversight Committee. The Board Vice Chairperson shall be the Vice Chair of the Oversight Committee.

The Oversight Committee shall have the full authority of the Board of Directors except that authority for which the Board is precluded from delegating. The Oversight Committee shall review disputes between a Party and the Authority, and make a determination of appropriate action, regarding coverage or the administration of the Authority, enter into contracts where such authority has not been delegated to another, contract for a financial audit and for general legal services. The Oversight Committee shall monitor the performance and the operations of the Authority and Board policy and make recommendations of change where the Committee deems appropriate.

A majority of the members of the Oversight Committee shall constitute a quorum. An action by the Oversight Committee shall require a majority vote of those in attendance. Vacancies shall not be counted in determining a quorum.

ARTICLE VI - ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES

In addition to the Oversight Committee, there shall be a Member Services Committee and a Finance and Administration Committee.

A. MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Member Services Committee shall consist of not less than five nor more than nine members of the Board of Directors, at the discretion of the Oversight Committee. The members are to be elected by the Oversight Committee. The terms of office shall be two years, with half the elected positions incepting on fiscal years starting on even numbered years and half the elected positions incepting on fiscal years starting on odd numbered years, if there are an even number of committee members. If the committee has an odd number of members, then the majority of the terms (half plus one) will incept on even years and the remaining members' terms incept on odd years. There is no maximum number of terms a member can serve. A vacancy shall be filled by an election by the Oversight Committee.

The Chairperson of the Member Services Committee shall serve a one-year term concurrent with the fiscal year of the Authority. Upon the completion of the term of the Committee Chair, the Committee Vice Chairperson shall become the Committee Chair. The Member Services Committee shall elect a new Vice Chairperson at its first meeting of the fiscal year of the Authority in which the Committee Vice Chairperson will be serving. In the absence of the Committee Chairperson, the Committee Vice Chairperson shall assume the role of Chairperson. If the Committee Chairperson has resigned or becomes incapacitated, the Committee Vice Chairperson shall assume the position as Chairperson and the Committee shall elect a new Vice Chairperson.

The Member Services Committee shall review applications for membership and make recommendations to the Board of Directors, underwrite Members of a Coverage Program, review claims made against a Coverage Program and take action as needed, including providing settlement authority, and implement safety and loss control strategies.

A majority of the members of the Member Services Committee shall constitute a quorum. An action by the Member Services Committee shall require a majority vote of those in attendance. Vacancies shall not be counted in determining a quorum.

B. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Finance and Administration Committee shall consist of not less than five nor more than nine members of the Board of Directors, at the discretion of the Oversight Committee. All but one of the members is to be elected by the Oversight Committee, and the remaining member being the Treasurer, who shall have all the same rights as the other members. The terms of office shall be two years, with half the elected positions incepting on fiscal years starting on even numbered years and half the elected positions incepting on fiscal years starting on odd numbered years, if there are an even number of committee members. If the committee has an odd number of members, then the majority of the terms (half plus one) will incept on even years and the remaining members' terms incept on odd years. There is no maximum number of terms a member can serve. A vacancy shall be filled by an election by the Oversight Committee.

The Chairperson of the Finance and Administration Committee shall serve a one-year term concurrent with the fiscal year of the Authority. Upon the completion of the term of the Committee Chair, the Committee Vice Chairperson shall become the Committee Chair. The Finance and Administration Committee shall elect a new Committee Vice Chairperson at its first meeting of the fiscal year of the Authority in which the Committee Vice Chairperson shall be serving. In the absence of the Committee Chairperson, the Committee Vice Chairperson shall assume the role of Chairperson. If the Committee Chairperson has resigned or becomes incapacitated, the Committee Vice Chairperson shall assume the position as Chairperson and the Committee shall elect a new Vice Chairperson.

The Finance and Administration Committee shall review current financial conditions of the Authority and provide direction in the development of the budget for the coming fiscal year, review the allocation of revenues in the budget and make recommendations for change to the Board of Directors, and recommend to the Board the appropriate reserves for contingencies.

A majority of the members of the Finance and Administration Committee shall constitute a quorum. An action by the Finance and Administration Committee shall require a majority vote of those in attendance. Vacancies shall not be counted in determining a quorum.

C. OTHER COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may establish additional standing or ad hoc committees and delegate authority to such committees to accomplish certain tasks. Members of a committee shall remain members of that committee until such time as the Board appoints new members to the committee, the committee is dissolved by the Board, or the purpose has been completed and there are no more responsibilities assigned to the committee.

A quorum of a committee created under this section shall be a majority of the members of the committee, without counting any vacant positions. All actions by such committee shall require a majority vote of those in attendance, unless otherwise specifically stated.

Each committee shall appoint a chairperson who shall call the meetings.

ARTICLE VII – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall commence on May 1 of each year and conclude on April 30 of the following year. Revenue and expenses shall be recorded on a full accrual basis.

ARTICLE VIII - BUDGET

A budget shall be adopted prior to the inception of the fiscal year. The Budget shall separately show the following:

1. General and administrative costs;
2. Contributions, projected interest income and other income; and
3. The actuarially estimated claims and allocated claims adjustment costs.

ARTICLE IX - RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Payments to the Authority shall be received at its principal executive office. The Treasurer or other designee shall safeguard and invest funds in accordance with the Authority's current Investment Policy.

All disbursements (via check or electronic funds transfer) issuing funds of the Authority (for other than the payment of claims) shall require the signatures or approvals of the Treasurer and Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or other Director or designee as approved by the Board. A register of all checks or electronic funds transfers issued since the last Board meeting shall be provided at each Board meeting and approved by the Board.

ARTICLE X – RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTY

The Authority is a participatory organization with the goal of reducing exposures to losses. To facilitate this goal, each Party agrees to perform the following functions in discharging its responsibilities:

1. Abide by all the rules and obligations imposed upon the Party by the Agreement, these Bylaws, any administrative policies and procedures adopted, any Master Program Documents and Memoranda of Coverage for any and all Coverage Programs to which the Member participates;
2. Appoint a Director and at least one Alternate to the Board;
3. Participate in the Liability Coverage Program;
4. Remit Contributions and other amounts due within 30 days of the date of invoice;
5. Cooperate fully with the Authority in reporting, and in determining the cause of claims and in the settlement of such claims; and
6. Upon withdrawal from the Authority, the Party shall remain responsible for any losses and any other costs which it has incurred while a Member of a Coverage Program and a Party to the Agreement.

ARTICLE XI - COVERAGE PROGRAMS

All Parties to the Agreement shall participate in the Liability Coverage Program. Participation in any other Coverage Program is at the discretion of the Party.

Each Coverage Program shall have a Master Program Document that describes the rights and duties of the Authority, the Member, and the process by which the Coverage Program will be administered.

ARTICLE XII - PENALTY FOR MONEY IN ARREARS

The penalty for Contributions not paid to the Authority within 30 days of the date of the invoice shall be the prime interest rate plus two points on the amount of Contributions owed. The prime rate used for penalty calculation will be the prime rate in effect 30 days after the invoice date at the commercial bank which holds funds of the Authority. This penalty is subject to a minimum amount established by resolution of the Board of Directors.

On appeal to the Oversight Committee, the Committee may waive the late payment penalty if the Party shows a hardship and presents a plan for repayment, if not already paid. Alternatively, or in addition, the Oversight Committee may prescribe or approve a payment plan for the Party other than those outlined in the Governing Documents of the Authority.

ARTICLE XIII - RIGHT OF OFFSET

The Authority may offset any moneys owed to a Party, with amounts owed by the Party to the Authority whether the amounts owed by the Party are Contributions or any other amounts owed.

ARTICLE XIV - NEW PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

A qualified public entity requesting to be a Party to the Authority shall complete an application form and provide other information and documentation requested by the Authority, including that required by any Coverage Program in which the prospective Party would like to participate.

Each prospective Party will submit a non-refundable application fee, as determined by the Board, to defray processing costs along with its completed application form. The prospective Party shall be presented in summary to the Board of Directors for a vote in accordance with the Agreement.

ARTICLE XV - HIERARCHY OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The Agreement forming the Authority shall be superior to these Bylaws and any provisions in these Bylaws that are contradictory or in conflict with any provisions in the Agreement shall be interpreted to be consistent with the Agreement or be voided to the extent it conflicts or is contradictory. The Board shall adopt Master Program Documents, and policies or procedures. However, such other documents shall be consistent with the Agreement and these Bylaws, and to the extent they are not consistent, those documents will be superseded by the Agreement and Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Directors present and voting, provided that any amendment is compatible with the purposes of the Authority, is not in conflict with the Agreement, and has been submitted to the Board at least 30 days in advance. Any such amendment shall be effective immediately, unless otherwise designated.

APPENDIX A - PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The principal executive office for the transaction of business of the Authority is hereby fixed and located at:

1750 Creekside Oaks Drive, Suite 200

Sacramento, CA 95833