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**New Reinsured Pool Partnership Offers Potential Savings, Technical Services,  
Risk Control and Education to California Water Entities**

*MemberGuard<sup>SM</sup> program targeted to launch April 1*

**Sacramento, Calif.—Jan. 13, 2016**—The [California Rural Water Association \(CRWA\)](#) and [Glatfelter Public Practice \(GPP\)](#) are pleased to announce the formation of **MemberGuard<sup>SM</sup>**, a fully reinsured property & casualty pool targeted to launch April 1, 2016. Based on recently enacted California legislation, **MemberGuard** is designed to provide the same *best-in-class coverage* that water entities have appreciated and associated with GPP, along with potentially even greater cost savings as well as access to CRWA specialized training and services.

To be eligible for membership you must be a California water entity (public or private) that treats, stores or distributes water. Membership in the CRWA is required in order to join the pool. Agents and brokers will have full access to the pool for their water entity clients and prospects.

The new partnership between CRWA and GPP provides members with the combined strengths of a powerful water industry association/advocate and best-in-class coverage, administered by one of the nation's premier program managers.

Workers Compensation is available outside the pool with an A.M. Best A+ (XV) Superior carrier.

*MemberGuard offers:*

- Coverage fully reinsured by one of the strongest and most well-regarded reinsurance companies in the world
- Enhanced coverage via 23 property specialty enhancements, 6 inland marine specialty enhancements, and 11 general liability specialty enhancements, including 9 essential general liability exceptions to the pollution exclusion

*California Rural Water Association offers:*

- Academy of Water Education
- Regularly scheduled training classes, onsite training and conferences
- Specialized Utilities Services Program
- Grant writing services to benefit members

*Glatfelter Public Practice offers:*

- Locally underwriting and servicing water accounts since 1996
- Responsive service from an experienced organization that has handled thousands of CA water entity claims
- Workers' Compensation by an A.M. Best A+ (XV) Superior rated carrier

For information about membership in the CRWA or to learn more about **MemberGuard**, please visit [MyMemberGuard.com](http://MyMemberGuard.com) or call 888.855.4782.

### **About CRWA**

Incorporated in 1990, [California Rural Water Association \(CRWA\)](#) has emerged as the State's leading association dedicated to providing on-site technical assistance and specialized training for rural water and wastewater systems. Tapping into the expertise of experienced water and wastewater professionals, CRWA's governing Board of Directors, administrative staff, and technical field specialists work in concert to offer CRWA members an expansive range of essential programs and member services.

### **About Glatfelter Public Practice (GPP)**

[Glatfelter Public Practice](#) is community-minded insurance for public entities, including municipalities, educational institutions and water entities. We offer experienced program management and proprietary property and liability insurance coverage, as well as risk management, educational services and responsive claims service. Part of Glatfelter Program Managers, GPP is one of the largest insurance programs in the United States for entities that treat, store or distribute water. With more than 4,000 insureds throughout the country, we are recognized as the innovator and leader in this field.

[Glatfelter Program Managers \(GPM\)](#) is a premier manager and recognized specialist of niche commercial insurance markets in the country servicing educational institutions, municipalities, independent school bus contractors and water/sewer entities; fire departments, ambulance and rescue squads and 911 centers; senior living, CCRCs, hospice and home health care agencies; and churches, synagogues, mosques and other religious institutions.

### **About MemberGuard**

[MemberGuard](#) is the brand name for the California Rural Water Risk Management Authority (CRWRMA). CRWRMA is a Joint Powers Authority formed to benefit its participating members and is authorized under Government Code 6500.

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