# REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF THE CALIFORNIA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

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Honorable Dave Jones
Insurance Commissioner
California Department of Insurance
Sacramento, California

Dear Commissioner:

Pursuant to your instructions, an examination was made of the

#### CALIFORNIA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

(hereinafter referred to as the Company) at its home office located at 650 San Benito Street, Suite 250, Hollister, California 95024.

#### SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

We have performed our single state examination of the Company. The previous examination of the Company was made as of December 31, 2010. This examination covers the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014.

The examination was conducted in accordance with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners *Financial Condition Examiners Handbook (Handbook)*. The Handbook requires the planning and performance of the examination to evaluate the Company's financial condition, assess corporate governance, identify current and prospective risks, and evaluate system controls and procedures used to mitigate those risks. An examination also includes identifying and evaluating significant risks that could cause an insurer's surplus to be materially misstated both currently and prospectively.

All accounts and activities of the Company were considered in accordance with the riskfocused examination process. This may include assessing significant estimates made by management and evaluating management's compliance with Statutory Accounting Principles. The examination does not attest to the fair presentation of the financial statements included herein. If, during the course of the examination, an adjustment is identified, the impact of such adjustment will be documented separately following the Company's financial statements.

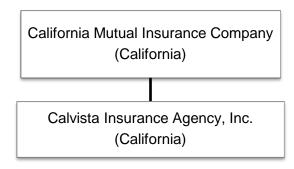
This examination report includes findings of fact and general information about the Company and its financial condition. There might be other items identified during the examination that, due to their nature (e.g., subjective conclusions, proprietary information, etc.), were not included within the examination report but separately communicated to other regulators and/or the Company.

#### **COMPANY HISTORY**

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the state of California as the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of San Benito County and commenced operations on September 20, 1920. The Company changed its name to Mid-State Mutual Insurance Company in 1989. On September 8, 2006, the Company received approval to change its name to California Mutual Insurance Company.

#### MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

The Company is a mutual insurer with 1,916 policyholders as of December 31, 2014. The Company has a wholly-owned insurance agency subsidiary, Calvista Insurance Agency, Inc. (Calvista). The following chart shows the relationship between the Company and Calvista at December 31, 2014.



Management of the Company is vested in an eight member board of directors elected annually. As of December 31, 2014, the directors and principal officers were as follows:

#### **Board of Directors**

Name and Location	Principal Business Affiliation
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Ken Bettencourt Owner/Broker Gilroy, California Ridgemark Realty

Connie Glosser Certified Public Accountant

Hollister, California United Genetics

Don Marcus President

Hollister, California Marcus Building Systems

Steve I. Miller President and Chief Executive Officer Hollister, California California Mutual Insurance Company

James E. Rollins <sup>(a)</sup> Retired Owner Hollister, California Maxim Electronics

Sandy Rose Retired Insurance Broker and Lead

Director

Sandy Rose Insurance Agency

Cheri L. Schmidt Chief Financial Officer

Hollister, California California Mutual Insurance Company

Ed Stephenson Secretary

Hollister, California

Hollister, California California Mutual Insurance Company

<sup>(</sup>a) James E. Rollins retired and was replaced by Milo Pearson in April 2015.

#### **Principal Officers**

<u>Name</u> <u>Title</u>

Steve I. Miller Cheri Schmidt Ed Stephenson President and Chief Executive Officer Chief Financial Officer Secretary

#### Management Agreements

Administrative Services Agreement: The Company entered into an Administrative Services Agreement with its subsidiary, Calvista Insurance Agency, Inc. (Calvista), effective January 17, 2008. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Company provides administrative and facilities services to Calvista. The administrative services include financial reporting, tax compliance, treasury, budget and cost accounting, payroll, and other various services. Calvista pays the Company for these services and facilities based on time allocations, expense sharing, and actual cost. The California Department of Insurance authorized the Company to proceed and execute this Agreement on January 17, 2008.

#### TERRITORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION

The Company is only licensed to transact property and casualty insurance business in California. The Company is licensed to write fire, allied lines, farm owners multiple peril, homeowners multiple peril, commercial multiple peril, earthquake, and boiler & machinery.

As of December 31, 2014, the Company reported total direct premiums written of \$4.3 million. The Company's written premium is composed of 75% commercial multiple peril lines and 25% homeowners and dwelling fire lines. The Company has approximately 110 active independent insurance agents that generate 93% of the premiums. The remaining 7% is homeowner and dwelling fire premiums written directly.

# **REINSURANCE**

# <u>Assumed</u>

The Company assumes 1.65% of a reciprocal catastrophe pool from Mutual Reinsurance Bureau.

# <u>Ceded</u>

The following is a summary of principal reinsurance agreements in-force as of December 31, 2014:

Type of Contract	Line(s) of Business	Authorized Reinsurer(s) and Participation	Company's Retention	Reinsurer's Limits
Multi-Line Excess of Loss:				
First Layer	Property business classified as Fire, Allied Lines, Inland Marine, Homeowners (Section 1), Commercial Multiple Peril (Section 1) and Earthquake -  Casualty business Classified as	Mutual Reinsurance Bureau (MRB) 50% Maiden Reinsurance North American 50%	\$250,000 per occurrence	100% of \$750,000 xs \$250,000
Homeowners (Section I Farmowners (Section II Commercial Multiple Peril (Section II), and Dwelling Fire (liability coverages)				
Second Layer	Property business classified as Fire, Allied Lines, Inland Marine, Homeowners (Section 1), Commercial Multiple Peril (Section 1) and Earthquake -	Mutual Reinsurance Bureau (MRB) 50% Maiden Reinsurance North American 50%	\$1,000,000 per occurrence	100% of \$1 million xs \$1 million
	Casualty business Classified as Homeowners (Section II), Farmowners (Section II), Commercial Multiple Peril (Section II), and Dwelling Fire (liability			

Type of Contract	Line(s) of Business	Authorized Reinsurer(s) and Participation	Company's Retention	Reinsurer's Limits
	coverages)			
Casualty Clash	Casualty business Classified as Homeowners (Section II), Farmowners (Section II), Commercial Multiple Peril (Section II), and Dwelling Fire (liability coverages)	Mutual Reinsurance Bureau (MRB) 50% Maiden Reinsurance North American 50%	\$2,000,000 per occurrence	100% of \$1,000,000 xs \$2,000,000 (Casualty Business Only)
Property per Risk Excess of Loss	Property business classified as Fire, Allied Lines, Inland Marine, Homeowners (Section 1), Commercial Multiple Peril (Section 1) and Earthquake	Mutual Reinsurance Bureau (MRB) 25% Maiden Reinsurance North American 75%	\$4,000,000 per occurrence	100% of \$4,000,000 xs \$2,000,000
Property Catastrophe Excess of Loss:				
First Layer	Property business classified as Fire, Allied Lines, Inland Marine, Homeowners (Section 1), Commercial Multiple Peril (Section 1) and Earthquake	Mutual Reinsurance Bureau (MRB)100%	\$600,000 per occurrence	95% of \$1,400,000 xs \$600,000
Second Layer	Property business classified as Fire, Allied Lines, Inland Marine, Homeowners (Section 1), Commercial Multiple Peril (Section 1) and Earthquake	Mutual Reinsurance Bureau (MRB)100%	\$2,000,000 per occurrence	95% of \$2,000,000 xs \$2,000,000
Third Layer	Property business classified as Fire, Allied Lines, Inland Marine, Homeowners (Section 1), Commercial Multiple Peril (Section 1) and Earthquake	Mutual Reinsurance Bureau (MRB)100%	\$4,000,000 per occurrence	100% of \$3,000,000 xs \$4,000,000
Equipment Breakdown	Commercial Multi-Peril	Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company	\$0	100% not to exceed \$25,000,000 per accident, per policy
Equipment Breakdown and Line Service	Homeowners	Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company	\$0	100% not to exceed - per accident, per policy Homeowners - \$50,000 Service Line - \$10,000

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following financial statements are based on the statutory financial statements filed by the Company with the California Department of Insurance and present the financial condition of the Company for the period ending December 31, 2014. There were no examination adjustments made to surplus as a result of the examination. The accompanying comments to the amounts reported in the financial statements should be considered an integral part of the financial statements.

Statement of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2014

Underwriting and Investment Exhibit for the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Reconciliation of Surplus as Regards Policyholders from December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2014

## Statement of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2014

<u>Assets</u>	Ledger and Nonledger Assets	onledger Not		<u>Notes</u>
Bonds Common stocks Cash and short-term investments Other invested assets Investment income due and accrued Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in	\$ 8,257,946 4,382,472 1,063,535 8,715 79,971	\$ 320,000	\$ 8,257,946 4,062,472 1,063,535 8,715 79,971	
course of collection  Deferred premiums, agents' balances and installmen booked but deferred and not yet due  Amount recoverable from reinsurers	260,175 ats 353,267 5,255	2,568	257,607 353,267 5,255	
Other amounts receivable under reinsurance contracts Guaranty funds receivable or on deposit Furniture and equipment	61,500 35,184 2,481	2,481	61,500 35,184	
Receivable from parent, subsidiaries, and affiliates Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets	53,962 160,969	5,000	53,962 155,969	
Total assets  Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	<u>\$ 14,725,432</u>	\$ 330,049	<u>\$ 14,395,383</u>	
Losses Loss adjustment expenses Commissions payable, contingent commissions and other similar charges Other expenses Taxes, licenses and fees Current federal and foreign income taxes Net deferred tax liability Unearned premiums Advance premiums Ceded reinsurance premiums payable				(1) (1)
Total liabilities			3,522,566	
Unassigned funds (surplus)		10,872,817		
Surplus as regards policyholders			10,872,817	
Total liabilities, surplus and other funds			\$ 14,395,383	

## <u>Underwriting and Investment Exhibit</u> for the Year Ended December 31, 2014

# Statement of Income

Underwriting Income				
Premiums earned			\$	3,263,119
Deductions:				
Losses Loss expenses incurred Other underwriting expenses incurred	\$	1,060,155 524,323 1,990,639		
Total underwriting deductions				3,575,117
Net underwriting loss				(311,998)
Investment Income				
Net investment income earned Net realized capital gain	\$	165,679 340,025		
Net investment gain				505,704
Other Income				
Net loss from agents' or premium balances charged off Finance and service charges not included in premiums Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income	\$	(306) 10,009 3,635		
Total other income				13,338
Net income before federal and foreign income taxes Federal and foreign income taxes incurred				207,044 41,092
Net income			\$	165,952
Capital and Surplus Ac	coun	<u>t</u>		
Surplus as regards policyholders, December 31, 2013			\$	10,756,086
Net income Change in net unrealized capital gains Change in net deferred income tax Change in nonadmitted assets	\$	165,952 (111,228) 48,460 13,547		
Change in surplus as regards policyholders for the year				116,731
Surplus as regards policyholders, December 31, 2014			<u>\$</u>	10,872,817

# Reconciliation of Surplus as Regards Policyholders from December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2014

Surplus as regards policyholders,	
December 31, 2010	

December 31, 2010			\$ 9,691,325
	Gain in Surplus	Loss in Surplus	
Net income Change in net unrealized capital gains Change in net deferred income tax Change in nonadmitted assets	\$ 1,223,713 27,057 14,332	(83,610)	
Total gains and losses	<u>\$ 1,265,102</u>	\$ (83,610)	
Net increase in surplus as regards policyholders			 1,181,492
Surplus as regards policyholders, December 31, 2 per Examination	014,		\$ 10,872,817

#### COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT ITEMS

#### (1) Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses

A Casualty Actuary from the California Department of Insurance reviewed the Actuarial Report as of December 31, 2014 prepared by the Company's independent actuary and concurred with the actuary's conclusion that the Company's loss and loss adjustment expense reserves as of December 31, 2014 were reasonable and have been accepted for purposes of this examination.

#### SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Current Report of Examination

None.

#### Previous Report of Examination

Reinsurance (Page 5): It was recommended that the Company revise its reinsurance agreements to comply with California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Chapter 5, Article 3, Section 2303.13(b). The Company is now in compliance.

Preferred Stock (Page 10): It was recommended that the Company comply with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Securities Valuations Office (NAIC SVO) filing guidelines as stated in the Purposes and Procedures Manual of the NAIC SVO or maintains documentation for filing as provisionally exempt if the preferred stock meets the criteria. The Company is now in compliance.

# <u>ACKNOWLEDGMENT</u>

Acknowledgment is made of the cooperation and assistance extended by the Company's officers and employees during the course of this examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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