



**IMPERIAL VALLEY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (I.V.E.C.A.)**

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Mark Schmidt, Imperial County/IVECA  
Emergency Communications Project Coordinator

Rodolfo Aguayo, Imperial County HR Director/PERMA

Monthly meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

IVECA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Economic Development Department  
1249 West Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243

*All supporting documentation is available for public review in the Imperial Valley Emergency Communications Authority "IVECA" office located at 2514 La Brucherie Road, Imperial, CA 92251 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this public meeting, you should contact the office of IVECA at (442) 265-6029. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable IVECA to make reasonable accommodations, modifications, or arrangements to assure accessibility to this public meeting.*

**MINUTES**

**August 23, 2018 1:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Tony Rouhotas, Jr., Nick Wells, Alfredo Estrada, Jr., Ray Loera, Rosanna Bayon-Moore, Abraham Campos, Kelly Brown, Janette Angulo, Alex Silva.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Verify the quorum of Board Members: Quorum was verified at 1:34 PM.
2. Verification of posting of Agenda: The agenda was posted on August 16, 2018.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *This is a public meeting. The IVECA Board welcomes your input and you may address the Board on items that are within the jurisdiction of IVECA but are not on the agenda. Members of the public may comment on items that are on the agenda when that item is being addressed by the Board. Please state your name and address for the record. Speaking time is limited to three (3) minutes. The Board is prohibited from discussing or taking any action on any item not appearing on the agenda.*

No public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

**III. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:** *IVECA will recess to closed session with its attorney regarding anticipated litigation in that:*

**Significant Exposure to Litigation Against IVECA.** In the opinion of IVECA on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there continues a significant exposure to litigation against IVECA. There is one (1) such potential case. (Government Code §54956.6 (d) (2).

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:** *Consent agenda items are approved by one motion. IVECA Board or members of the public may pull consent items to be considered at a time determined by the President.*

- Approval of IVECA's Minutes: Regular Meeting
- Approval of IVECA's Monthly Financial Reports

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**Recommendation:** Approval of the Consent Agenda.

**Final Action:** A motion was made by Nick Wells and was seconded by Rosanna Bayon-Moore to approve Consent Agenda. Motion was unanimous.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:** No New Business.

**VI. REPORTS**

1. Other reports from officers and committees.

**VII. INFORMATION**

1. IVECA Updates
  - (a) Legal Counsel – Ryan Childers
  - (b) Emergency Communications Project Coordinator – Mark Schmidt
    1. Generator problem/repair, Gordon's Well communication site.  
Board was advised of the generator issue at the Gordon's Well communication site.
    2. Cahuilla Project update.  
There was a site visit by potential BLM shelter contractors. Contractors had questions on power.
    3. Communication site issues. Brawley/I Street – Site stable. Calexico – Work in progress.  
Calexico had a beeping problem with portable and mobile radios. Problem is currently rectified due to a change in the control channel. Have been working with Calexico Fire Chief Favila concerning the issue. Brawley Police Chief Sawyer reported a coverage problem for west Brawley. An antenna issue at the Brawley I Street communication site was discovered and repaired. Since antenna repair, system has been unremarkable.
    4. Motorola R56 grounding project completed in July 2018 at the CHP/Winterhaven/Sidewinder communication site.  
New grounding infrastructure was installed at the site. Enhancements dramatically improved the system's grounding ability.
    5. All communication site air conditioner PMs and repairs completed in June 2018.  
Many sites needed repairs. The Salton City site required approximately \$3K worth of repairs.

2. Round Table

Mr. Campos commented that City of El Centro has received a request for communications from First Net.

Mr. Rouhotas stated that First Net is a statewide emergency communication system for first responders.

Mr. Rouhotas discussed the 911 system single point of entry and AT&T's lack of response for redundant infrastructure. The PUC has been contacted of the concern. Becky, IC, has been in contact with the PUC. A reporter is also interested in this issue.

Mr. Rouhotas instructed Mr. Schmidt to draft a letter to the PUC showing support for system redundancy to Imperial County. Ms. Heather Johnson, Dispatch Supervisor, El Centro Police Department, is also working on this project.

Mr. Schmidt said that he would have a draft letter for board review at the next meeting.

Mr. Campos would like to know if there is information on leases or a lease template, since cities are being ask to participate with a 5G system which includes equipment attached to street lights. He said AT&T is proposing to have an exclusive agreement with City of El Centro, and City of El Centro is looking into charging them rent to hook up to their system. IID probably needs involvement.

Mr. Schmidt mentioned Sprint's interest in leasing tower space at the Brawley I Street communication site. Mr. Schmidt is working with RCS-San Diego engineering and Mr. Wise concerning this.

Ms. Angulo commented that Public Health will be having Natural Preparedness Month, showing how to prepare and respond and in October they will be working with schools and with the City of Holtville.

Chief Sawyer thanked Mr. Schmidt for his work.

It was discussed how changes in representatives from the Imperial County Sheriff and Police Chief's Association could be made.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

1. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.  
The next regular meeting date is September 27, 2018.

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