



IMPERIAL VALLEY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (IVECA)

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Meetings are held on scheduled dates at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING – BOARD MEMBERS IN PERSON PARTICIPATION - GENERAL PUBLIC IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION – OCT. 23, 2025 – 1:30 P.M.

**IVECA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
IN PERSON PARTICIPATION-REQUIRED OF IVECA BOARD MEMBERS**

Economic Development Department
1249 W. Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

OR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION (GENERAL PUBLIC ONLY)

El Centro Public Works is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: IVECA Board Meeting

Time: Oct 23, 2025 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Executive Order N-25-20 requires agencies holding meetings via teleconference to designate a publicly accessible location from which members of the public may observe and provide public comment. Although members of the public are encouraged to participate via teleconference, IVECA has designated the following physical location for public participation:

Economic Development Department - 1249 W. Main Street, El Centro, California.

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 excluding weekends prior to the meeting will enable IVECA to make reasonable accommodations, modifications, or arrangements to assure accessibility to this public meeting.

THIS AGENDA TO BE POSTED AT THE CITY HALL AND AT THE LOCATION OF MEETING

AGENDA

October 23, 2025. 1:30 P.M. In Person or Virtual Meeting. Meeting Commenced at 1:47 P.M.

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Bowers, Chief Duran, Mr. Campos, Chief Lantzer, Sheriff Miramontes (arrived late), Chief Bernal, Dr. Lang, and Chief York. Attorney Smerdon not in attendance. Project Coordinator Mark Schmidt in attendance.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

1. Verify the quorum of Board Members. Quorum verified.
2. Verification of posting of Agenda. Agenda posted on October 16, 2025.

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 the Board is addressing that item. 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.*

III. 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 Meetings.
- Approval of IVECA's Monthly Financial Reports.

Recommendation: Approval of the Consent Agenda.

Final Action: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Chief Bernal and seconded by Dr. Lang. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion/Action:** The Board will consider two proposals for IVECA generator maintenance and repair and award a contract. Chief York to execute contract.

Recommendation: Award contract. Allow Chief York to execute contract.

Final Action: Motion to approve awarding the generator maintenance and repair contract to Bay City Electric and have Chief York execute said contract made by Chief Lantzer and seconded by Dr. Lang. Motion approved unanimously.
- 2. Discussion/Action:** The Board will consider ratifying the funding of a new Certificate of Deposit (CD) at Corazo (First Imperial Credit Union), Imperial County, California. Funding source is a September 27, 2025, matured IVECA owned CD.

Recommendation: Ratify the funding of a new Certificate of Deposit at Corazo Credit Union, Imperial County, California.

Final Action: Due to voting quorum concerns on this agenda item, this agenda item is to be re-voted on at the January 22, 2026, IVECA Board meeting.
- 3. Discussion/Action:** The Board will consider ratifying the emergency purchase and installation of one each, room casement air conditioning unit for the Palo Verde IVECA communication site.

Recommendation: Ratify the emergency purchase.

Final Action: Motion to ratify the emergency purchase and installation of one each, room casement air conditioning unit for the Palo Verde IVECA communication site made by Chief Bernal and seconded Ms. Bowers. Motion approved unanimously.
- 4. Discussion/Action:** The Board will review and consider approving the regular IVECA Board meeting dates for calendar year 2026; January 22, 2026, March 26, 2026, June 25, 2026, September 24, 2026, and October 22, 2026.

Recommendation: Approve the presented regular meeting dates for 2026.

Final Action: Motion to approve the presented regular meeting dates made by Dr. Lang and seconded by Chief Lantzer. Motion approved unanimously.
- 5. Discussion/Action:** The Board will consider ratifying the emergency purchase and installation of battery chargers and related infrastructure for the ICSO communication site.

Recommendation: Ratify the emergency purchase.

Final Action: Due to voting quorum concerns on this agenda item, this agenda item is to be re-voted on at the January 22, 2026, IVECA Board meeting.
- 6. Discussion/Action:** The Board will review and consider approving an Engagement Letter for accounting services from the accounting firm of Hutchinson and Bloodgood, LLP (H & B) until June 30, 2026. Chief York to sign the Engagement Letter.

Recommendation: Approve the presented Engagement Letter for accounting services from H & B with Chief York signing the Engagement Letter.

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Final Action: Motion to approve the presented Engagement Letter for accounting services from H & B with Chief York signing the Engagement Letter made by Ms. Bowers and seconded by Dr. Lang. Motion approved unanimously.

V. REPORTS:

1. Other: Reports from officers and committees. No Reports.

VI. INFORMATION:

1. IVECA Updates.

- (a) Legal Counsel, Attorney Smerdon. Not present.
- (b) Emergency Communications Project Coordinator – Mr. Mark Schmidt. DTSC/CUPA

On Tuesday, October 7, 2025, DTSC/CUPA performed an inspection of the emergency generator propane fueling system and propane tank at the Black Mountain, Imperial County communication site. Several violations were noted, including the fact that IVECA, propane tank, and propane system were not registered with DTSC/CUPA. Required rectification needed to be completed by Thursday, November 6, 2025. With the help of BC Robles at ICFD, rectification was accomplished. The Project Manager informed the Board that he had no knowledge of DTSC/CUPA. Nor did the Project Manager inform the DTSC/CUPA Hazardous Substances Engineer that IVECA had other communication sites with emergency generator fueling systems. According to BC Robles, site batteries are not an issue. The consensus of the Board was for the Project Manager to expose the other sites to DTSC/CUPA to avoid any future fines or penalties. First, however, IVECA Attorney Smerdon should be contacted to advise the Board on any liability of non-disclosure. Further discovery concerning this matter should also be accomplished by the Project Manager. Board Members also were encouraged to assist. Further Board updates will ensue as more information is available.

2. Round Table: No Reports.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M. The next regular meeting date is January 22, 2026.