



## IMPERIAL VALLEY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (IVECA)

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

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### MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING – GENERAL PUBLIC IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION – SEPT. 25, 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: Sep 25, 2025 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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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

**September 25, 2025. 1:30 P.M. In Person or Virtual Meeting. Meeting Commenced at 1:42 P.M.**

**Board Members In Attendance:** Ms. Bowers, Mr. Campos, Chief Lantzer, Sheriff Miramontes, Chief Sawyer, Chief Bernal, and Ms. Gutierrez. Attorney Smerdon present. 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 September 18, 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 Sawyer and seconded by Sheriff Miramontes. Motion approved unanimously.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion/Action:** The Board will consider the appointment of Ms. Andrea Bowers, Deputy Director of the Imperial County Public Health Department, as an IVECA Board member representing the emergency medical services community. Ms. Bowers oversees the Community Health Division of the Public Health Department, which encompasses the Emergency Medical Services Agency. Ms. Bowers would replace Ms. Denise Andrade.

**Recommendation:** Approve the appointment of Ms. Bowers to the IVECA Board.

**Final Action:** Motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Bowers to the IVECA Board made by Sheriff Miramontes and seconded Chief Sawyer. Motion approved unanimously.

2. **Discussion/Action:** Request by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) Imperial County for access to the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Zone LEM for inclusion in their ATF Fleetmap.

**Recommendation:** Allow ATF Imperial County access to the LEM Zone with the absolute understanding that access is provided exclusively for mutual aid and emergency coordination purposes and is contingent upon ATF Imperial County's strict adherence to the legal parameters established under California Senate Bill 54 (SB 54) the California Values Act. All other conditions as outlined in the Imperial County Sheriff and Police Chiefs' Association's document dated August 28, 2025, would also be applicable.

**Final Action:** Access to the LEM Zone by ATF Imperial County for mutual aid and emergency coordination with strict adherence to the legal parameters established under California Senate Bill 54 (SB 54) and all other conditions as outlined in the Imperial County Sheriff and Police Chiefs' Association's document dated August 28, 2025, approved. Motion for approval made by Chief Sawyer and seconded by Sheriff Miramontes. Motion approved unanimously.

3. **Discussion/Action:** Request by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Law Enforcement Division Imperial County for reinstatement of the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Zone LEM to their BLM ICO.LE.3 Fleetmap.

**Recommendation:** Allow BLM Law Enforcement Division Imperial County reinstatement of the LEM Zone with the absolute understanding that access is provided exclusively for mutual aid and emergency coordination purposes and is contingent upon BLM Law Enforcement Division Imperial County's strict adherence to the legal parameters established under California Senate Bill 54 (SB 54) the California Values Act. All other conditions as outlined in the Imperial County Sheriff and Police Chiefs' Association's document dated August 28, 2025, would also be applicable.

**Final Action:** Reinstatement of the LEM Zone by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Law Enforcement Division Imperial County for mutual aid and emergency coordination with strict adherence to the legal parameters established under California Senate Bill 54 (SB 54) and all other conditions as outlined in the Imperial County Sheriff and Police Chiefs' Association's document dated August 28, 2025, approved. Motion for approval made by Chief Sawyer and seconded by Ms. Gutierrez. Motion approved unanimously.

4. **Discussion/Action:** Request by U.S. Customs and Border Protection – Air and Marine Operations (CBP – AMO) for access to the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Zone LEM for inclusion in their CBP – AMO Fleetmap.

**Recommendation:** Allow CBP – AMO access to the LEM Zone with the absolute understanding that access is provided exclusively for mutual aid and emergency coordination purposes and is contingent upon CBP – AMO's strict adherence to the legal parameters established under California Senate Bill 54 (SB 54) the California Values Act. All other conditions as outlined in the Imperial County Sheriff and Police Chiefs' Association's document dated August 28, 2025, would also be applicable.

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**Final Action:** Access to the LEM Zone by CBP - AMO for mutual aid and emergency coordination with strict adherence to the legal parameters established under California Senate Bill 54 (SB 54) and all other conditions as outlined in the Imperial County Sheriff and Police Chiefs' Association's document dated August 28, 2025, approved. Motion for approval made by Chief Bernal and seconded by Ms. Bowers. Motion approved unanimously.

5. **Discussion/Action:** The Board will consider the approval of the Public Benefit Program under the direction of the Imperial Valley Emergency Communications Authority (IVECA) and Vertical Bridge (VB BTS III, LLC) for possible future tower and infrastructure space. All negotiated tower and ground space shall be at no cost with all terms of the Public Benefit Program in perpetuity throughout the lease term and lease extensions.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Public Benefit Program as presented in the included document from Vertical Bridge.

**Final Action:** Motion to approve the Public Benefit Program from Vertical Bridge made by Ms. Gutierrez and seconded by Chief Sawyer. Motion approved unanimously.

## **V. REPORTS:**

1. Other: Reports from officers and committees. None.

## **VI. INFORMATION:**

1. IVECA Updates.
  - a. Legal Counsel, Attorney Smerdon. No report.
  - b. Emergency Communications Project Coordinator – Mr. Mark Schmidt.
    1. On September 18, 2025, during a technical PM at the ICSO communication site, it was noted that 5 of the 6 battery chargers had failed resulting in low battery voltage which powers the microwave system. Working with RCS-San Diego, temporary equipment was installed. Emergency replacement is necessary. Initial cost replacement estimates for the chargers and related infrastructure are approximately \$15,000.00.
    2. September 24, 2025, the window mounted HVAC unit in the radio room at the Palo Verde communication site failed. The HVAC unit is 7 years old. Repairs are not cost effective. Emergency replacement is needed as numerous heat alarms post failure were noted. Replacement cost is estimated at \$700.00.
    3. September 27, 2025, is the date that IVECA's CD matures at Corazo Credit Union, formerly First Imperial Credit Union. Discovery of rates and terms occurring.
2. Round Table.
  - a. Chief Sawyer reported that he would be touring RCS-San Diego communication sites as an RCS NextGen Board Member.
  - b. No report from Ms. Casillas, PERMA representative.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

The next regular meeting date is October 23, 2025.