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IMPERIAL VALLEY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY AGENDA

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
1503 N. IMPERIAL AVE., SUITE 104
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025
6:00 PM (OR AFTER ICTC, LTA OR SAFE)

CHAIR: ROBERT AMPARANO

VICE CHAIR: MARTHA CARDENAS-SINGH

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. IVRMA Board Draft Minutes for October 22, 2025 Page 4
- B. Adoption of Resolution No. 112501- Authorizing Application for Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities Page 7

The Management Committee will meet on November 12, 2025, and it is anticipated that they will forward this item to the IVRMA Board for their review and approval after public comment if any:

- 1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the application to the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California, for a Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities; and
 - 2. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute the DIR Application (Form A-2) and all necessary documents related to the self-insurance approval process; and
 - 3. Confirm IVRMA's participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Joint Powers Program, effective January 1, 2026.
- C. Adoption of Resolution No. 112502 – Authorizing Participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Program Page 15

The Management Committee will meet on November 12, 2025, and it is anticipated that they will forward this item to the IVRMA Board for their review and approval after public comment if any:

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 112502, approving the form of and authorizing the execution of the Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement; and
 - 2. Authorize participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Program for a minimum of three full program years; and
 - 3. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute all necessary documents and agreements on behalf of the Agency.
- D. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Filing of Application for Elective Coverage under Section 709 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC) Page 21

The Management Committee will meet on November 12, 2025, and it is anticipated that they will forward this item to the IVRMA Board for their review and approval after public comment if any:

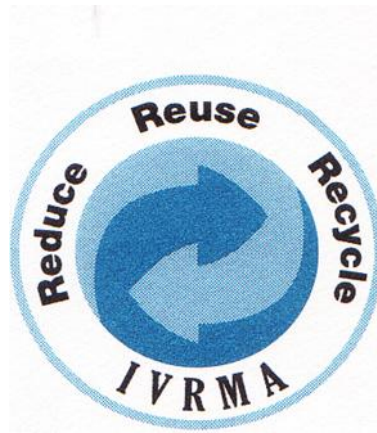
- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 112503, authorizing the filing of an application for elective coverage under Section 709 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC) with the Employment Development Department; and
 - 2. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute all required documents and amendments related to the elective coverage program

IV. ADJOURNMENT

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. IVRMA Board Draft Minutes for October 22, 2025

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MINUTES FOR October 22, 2025

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Brawley	Gil Rebollar
City of Calipatria	Absent
City of Calexico	Lisa Tylanda
City of El Centro	Sonia Carter
City of Imperial	Robert Amparano
City of Holtville	Mike Pacheco
City of Westmorland	Ana Beltran
County of Imperial	Absent
County of Imperial	Martha Cardenas-Singh

STAFF PRESENT: David Aguirre, Cristi Lerma, Gustavo Gomez, Marlene Flores, Michelle Bastidas

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrew Briseno: ICTC Counsel; Ann Fox, John Garcia: Caltrans; David Salgado: SCAG

PUBLIC: None.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Amparano at 6:05 p.m. and roll call was taken.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. IVRMA Board Draft Minutes for September 24, 2025

A motion was made by [Goodsell](#) and seconded by [Cardenas-Singh](#) to approve the consent calendar as presented, roll call:

Agency	Roll call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Absent
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Absent

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County of Imperial Singh	Yes
City of Westmorland	Yes

Motion Carried.

IV. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Adoption of IVRMA Employee Handbook

The ICTC Management Committee met on October 15, 2025, and forwarded this item to the Board for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorized the Chairperson to Adopt the IVRMA Employee Handbook.

A motion was made by [Goodsell](#) and seconded by [Carter](#) to approve the item as presented, roll call:

Agency	Roll call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Absent
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Absent
County of Imperial Singh	Yes
City of Westmorland	Yes

Motion Carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- B. Adoption of Resolution No. 112501- Authorizing Application for Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities
1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the application to the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California, for a Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities; and
 2. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute the DIR Application (Form A-2) and all necessary documents related to the self-insurance approval process; and
 3. Confirm IVRMA's participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Joint Powers Program, effective January 1, 2026.



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November 7, 2025

Robert Amperano, Chairman
Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency
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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Application for Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities

Dear Commission Members:

The purpose of this item is to request Board approval of a Resolution authorizing the Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency (IVRMA) to submit an application to the State of California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), Office of Self-Insurance Plans, for a Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities as a public agency employer.

IVRMA is a joint powers authority formed by the Cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland, and the County of Imperial to manage and implement regional solid and hazardous waste programs. As IVRMA transitions to hiring employees directly under the Agency, it is required by California Labor Code Section 3700 to secure workers' compensation coverage for its employees.

Under state law, local public agencies may elect to self-insure workers' compensation liabilities with DIR approval. IVRMA is pursuing this coverage through membership in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Joint Powers Program (JPA Certificate No. 5806). The self-insurance program will take effect on January 1, 2026, and will be supplemented by specific excess coverage through the Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management (PRISM) program (Policy No. WCEL-LCA-SDRMA-202526) with a \$1,000,000 self-insured retention (SIR) limit.

The application (DIR Form A-2) and accompanying Resolution authorize IVRMA to participate in this program and to execute all required documentation to obtain the Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure.

Participation in the SDRMA self-insurance program will:

- Ensure IVRMA's compliance with California Labor Code Section 3700 requirements.
- Provide comprehensive, pooled workers' compensation coverage for all Agency employees.
- Reduce administrative costs and provide long-term financial stability.
- Include ongoing safety, claims management, and loss-prevention services through SDRMA and PRISM.

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The Resolution authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, to execute the DIR application, agreements, and all related documents necessary to complete the self-insurance authorization process.

There are no direct costs associated with approving this Resolution.

Annual premiums and related self-insurance expenses will be incorporated into IVRMA's operational budget under the SDRMA membership structure.

Approval of this Resolution and application ensures that IVRMA maintains compliance with state law while providing a cost-effective, stable workers' compensation program for Agency employees. This action strengthens IVRMA's operational independence and long-term fiscal responsibility as it transitions to direct employment.

The Management Committee will meet on November 12, 2025, and it is anticipated that they will forward this item to the IVRMA Board for their review and approval after public comment if any:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing application to the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California, for a Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute the DIR Application (Form A-2) and all necessary documents related to the self-insurance approval process; and
3. Confirm IVRMA's participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Joint Powers Program, effective January 1, 2026.

Sincerely,



David Aguirre
Executive Director

Attachment



State of California
Department of Industrial Relations
OFFICE OF SELF-INSURANCE PLANS

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT
TO SELF-INSURE AS A PUBLIC AGENCY EMPLOYER SELF-INSURER**
All questions must be answered. If not applicable, enter "N/A".

To the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations: The public agency employer identified below submits the following information to obtain a Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure the payment of workers' compensation under California Labor Code Section 3700.

LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT (Show exactly as on Charter or other official documents):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4: _____ - _____

Federal Tax ID # of Group: _____

CONTACT - Who Should Correspondence Regarding This Applicant Be Addressed To:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4: _____ - _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

TYPE OF PUBLIC ENTITY (Check one):

City and/or County School District Police and/or Fire District Hospital District

Joint Powers Authority Other (describe): _____

TYPE OF APPLICATION (Check one):

New Application Reapplication (Merger/Unification) Reapplication (Name Change)

Other (describe): _____

Date Self-Insurance Program will begin: _____

CURRENT WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Currently Insured with State Fund Policy # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Currently Self Insured, Certificate # _____

Other (describe): _____

CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

Who will be administering your agency's workers' compensation claims? (Check one)

JPA will administer

Third Party Administrator, TPA Certificate # _____

Public entity will self-administer

Insurance Carrier will administer

Name of Third Party Administrator:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4: _____ - _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

of claims reporting locations to be used to handle Agency's claims: _____

Does applicant currently have a California Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure? Yes No

If yes, what is the current Certificate Number: _____

Total Number of Affiliate's California employees to be covered by Group: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYER

Current # of Agency Employees: _____ # of Public Safety Employees (police//fire): _____

If school District, # of certificated employees: _____

Will all Agency employees be covered by this self-insurance plan? Yes No

If 'No', explain who is not covered and how workers' compensation coverage will be provided to the excluded employees:

JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Will applicant be a member of a JPA for workers' compensation ?

Yes No (If 'yes', complete the following)

Effective date of JPA Membership: _____ JPA Certificate # _____

Name of JPA: _____

AGENCY SAFETY PROGRAM

Does the Agency have a written Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)? Yes No

Individual responsible for Agency workplace safety and IIPP program:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4: _____ - _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE

1.) Will your program be supplemented by any insurance or pooled coverage under a **STANDARD** workers' compensation insurance policy? Yes No (If 'Yes', complete the following):

Name of Excess Pool/Carrier: _____

Policy #: _____ Effective Date of Coverage: _____

2.) Will your program be supplemented by any insurance or pooled coverage under a **SPECIFIC EXCESS** workers' compensation insurance policy? Yes No (If 'Yes', complete the following):

Name of Excess Pool/Carrier: _____

Policy #: _____ Effective Date of Coverage: _____

Retention Limits: _____

3.) Will your program be supplemented by any insurance or pooled coverage under an **AGGREGATE EXCESS** (stop loss) specific excess workers' compensation insurance policy? Yes No
(If 'Yes', complete the following):

Name of Excess Pool/Carrier: _____

Policy #: _____ Effective Date of Coverage: _____

Retention Limits: _____

RESOLUTION FROM GOVERNING BOARD

Attach a properly executed Governing Board Resolution. See attached sample resolution on page 5.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned on behalf of the applicant hereby applies for a Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure the payment of workers' compensation liabilities pursuant to Labor Code Section 3700. The above information is submitted for the purpose of procuring said Certificate from the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California. If the Certificate is issued, the applicant agrees to comply with applicable California statutes and regulations pertaining to the payment of compensation that may become due to the applicant's employees covered by the Certificate.

X _____ DATE: _____
SIGNED: Authorized Official / Representative

Printed Name

Title

Agency Name

RESOLUTION NO.: _____ DATED: _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION
TO THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT TO SELF-INSURE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION LIABILITIES**

At a meeting of the _____
(Enter Name of the Board)

of the _____
(Enter Name of Public Agency, District, Etc.)

a _____ organized and existing under the
(Enter Type of Agency, i.e., County, City, School District, etc.)

laws of the State of California, held on the _____ day of _____, 20____,

the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the above named public agency is authorized and empowered to make application to the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California, for a Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure workers' compensation liabilities and representatives of Agency are authorized to execute any and all documents required for such application.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: I HAVE SIGNED AND AFFIXED THE AGENCY SEAL.

X _____ DATE: _____
SIGNED: Board Secretary or Chair

Printed Name

Title

Agency Name

Affix Seal Here

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- C. Adoption of Resolution No. 112502 – Authorizing Participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers’ Compensation Program
1. Adopt Resolution No. 112502, approving the form of and authorizing the execution of the Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement; and
 2. Authorize participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers’ Compensation Program for a minimum of three full program years; and
 3. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute all necessary documents and agreements on behalf of the Agency.



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November 7, 2025

Robert Amperano, Chairman
Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency
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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution No. 112502 – Authorizing Participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Program

Dear Commission Members:

The purpose of this item is to request Board approval of Resolution No. 1112002, authorizing the Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency (IVRMA) to participate in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Program and to approve the execution of the Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement (JPA).

The Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency (IVRMA) is a joint powers authority comprised of the Cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland, and the County of Imperial. The Agency provides regional coordination and implementation of solid and hazardous waste management programs in compliance with state and federal mandates.

As IVRMA transitions toward employing staff directly under the Agency, it is necessary to ensure that all required employee coverage programs are properly established. The Workers' Compensation Program offered through the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) provides a comprehensive and cost-effective insurance solution specifically tailored for public agencies and special districts.

Under California Government Code Sections 6500 et seq., local public agencies are authorized to jointly exercise powers and enter into agreements to self-insure or purchase insurance collectively. SDRMA was formed in 1986 under these provisions to provide risk financing and risk management programs to its member agencies.

By adopting the attached Resolution, IVRMA formally approves participation in SDRMA's Workers' Compensation Program for a minimum of three full program years and authorizes execution of the Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement, which outlines SDRMA's purpose, powers, and program structure.

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Participation in SDRMA provides IVRMA with the ability to:

- Access comprehensive workers' compensation coverage consistent with California labor law requirements.
- Achieve long-term cost savings through pooled risk management.
- Receive ongoing safety and loss prevention support.
- Ensure compliance with all state and local regulations regarding employee protection.

The attached Resolution authorizes the Executive Director and/or other designated officers to execute all necessary agreements and related documentation to complete participation in SDRMA's Workers' Compensation Program.

Costs associated with workers' compensation coverage will be incorporated into IVRMA's operational budget and managed through annual insurance premiums under the SDRMA program. There are no additional costs associated with the approval of this Resolution.

Approval of this Resolution ensures that IVRMA remains in full compliance with state law regarding workers' compensation coverage for Agency employees. Participation in SDRMA provides a fiscally responsible and comprehensive insurance solution that supports the Agency's long-term operational and personnel objectives.

The Management Committee will meet on November 12, 2025, and it is anticipated that they will forward this item to the IVRMA Board for their review and approval after public comment if any:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 112502, approving the form of and authorizing the execution of the Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement; and
2. Authorize participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Program for a minimum of three full program years; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute all necessary documents and agreements on behalf of the Agency.

Sincerely,



David Aguirre
Executive Director

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 112502

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF IMPERIAL VALLEY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency, a special district duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California (the "Agency"), has determined that it is in the best interest and to the advantage of the Agency to participate for at least three full years in the Workers' Compensation Program offered by the Special District Risk Management Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 6500 et seq., provides that two or more public agencies may by agreement jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, Special District Risk Management Authority was formed in 1986 in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code 6500 et seq., for the purpose of providing its members with risk financing and risk management programs; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 990.4 provides that a local public entity may self-insure, purchase insurance through an authorized carrier, or purchase insurance through a surplus lines broker, or any combination of these; and

WHEREAS, participation in Special District Risk Management Authority programs requires the Agency to execute and enter into a Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement (the "Amended and Restated JPA Agreement"); which states the purpose and powers of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, all acts, conditions and things required by the laws of the State of California to exist, to have happened and to have been performed precedent to and in connection with the consummation of the transactions authorized hereby do exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and due time, form and manner as required by law, and the Agency is now duly authorized and empowered, pursuant to each and every requirement of law, to consummate such transactions for the purpose, in the manner and upon the terms herein provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency as follows:

SECTION 1.

Findings. The Agency Board of Directors hereby specifically finds and determines that the actions authorized hereby relate to the public affairs of the Agency.

SECTION 2.

Sixth Amended and Restated JPA Agreement. The Amended JPA Agreement has previously been executed and entered into by and between the Agency and members of the Special District Risk Management Authority.

SECTION 3.

Program Participation. The Agency Board of Directors approves participating for three full program years in Special District Risk Management Authority Workers' Compensation Program.

SECTION 4.

Other Actions. The Authorized Officers of the Agency are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents which is necessary in order to consummate the transactions authorized hereby and all such actions taken by such officers are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

SECTION 5.

Effective Date.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the **Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency** on this ____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Robert Amparano, Chairperson
IVRMA Governing Board

ATTEST:

Cristi Lerma, Secretary to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mistelle Abdelmagied, Legal Counsel

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- D. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Filing of Application for Elective Coverage under Section 709 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC)
1. Adopt Resolution No. 112503, authorizing the filing of an application for elective coverage under Section 709 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC) with the Employment Development Department; and
 2. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute all required documents and amendments related to the elective coverage program



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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Filing of Application for Elective Coverage under Section 709 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC)

Dear Board Members:

The purpose of this item is to request Board adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency (IVRMA) to file an application with the Employment Development Department (EDD) for elective coverage under Section 709 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC). This authorization will allow IVRMA to provide state unemployment insurance coverage for employees directly hired under the Agency.

IVRMA has historically relied on a third-party employment arrangement for staffing services. As operational costs have increased under the third-party employer model, IVRMA has developed internal personnel policies and an employee handbook to transition to hiring employees directly through the Agency. To ensure full compliance with California labor and unemployment insurance requirements, IVRMA must apply for elective coverage under Section 709 of the CUIC through EDD. This elective coverage will allow IVRMA to participate in the state's unemployment insurance program and provide benefits to Agency employees consistent with state requirements.

There are no direct costs associated with the approval of this Resolution.

Future costs related to unemployment insurance coverage will be incorporated into IVRMA's operational budget as part of regular payroll expenditures.

The attached Resolution authorizes the filing of this application and designates the Executive Director, or designee, to execute all related agreements, documents, and future amendments with the EDD.

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The Management Committee will meet on November 12, 2025, and it is anticipated that they will forward this item to the IVRMA Board for their review and approval after public comment if any:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 112503, authorizing the filing of an application for elective coverage under Section 709 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC) with the Employment Development Department; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute all required documents and amendments related to the elective coverage program.

Sincerely,



David Aguirre
Executive Director

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 112503

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE IMPERIAL VALLEY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR ELECTIVE COVERAGE UNDER SECTION 709 OF THE CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CODE (CUIC), AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED AGENT TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, the Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency (“IVRMA” or “Agency”) is a joint powers authority comprised of the Cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland, and the County of Imperial, organized to manage and implement regional solid waste and hazardous waste programs in accordance with state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the California Employment Development Department (EDD) administers unemployment insurance coverage programs pursuant to the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC), including Section 709, which allows qualifying agencies to elect coverage for employees under specified conditions; and

WHEREAS, IVRMA wishes to file an application for elective coverage under Section 709 of the CUIC in order to provide appropriate coverage and compliance for employees hired directly under the Agency; and

WHEREAS, such elective coverage requires the execution of an application, agreement, and any related documents with the EDD; and

WHEREAS, the IVRMA Governing Board wishes to authorize its Executive Director or his/her designee to execute these documents and any future amendments as necessary to maintain compliance with EDD program requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency as follows:

SECTION 1.

The Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency hereby authorizes the filing of an application for elective coverage under Section 709 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC) with the Employment Development Department.

SECTION 2.

The Executive Director of IVRMA, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver all required applications, standard agreements, related contract documents, and any subsequent amendments necessary for participation in this program.

SECTION 3.

The Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency agrees to comply with all policies, regulations, and provisions set forth by the California Employment Development Department and all applicable state and federal laws.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the **Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency** on this ____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Robert Amparano, Chairperson
IVRMA Governing Board

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Cristi Lerma, Secretary to the Board

Mistelle Abdelmagied, Legal Counsel