

AGENDA

Imperial County Data Center Committee
Public Health Training Center
935 Broadway St.
El Centro, CA 92243
Thursday, September 17, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Committee Members:

- Peggy Price, District 3, Board of Supervisors
- John Hawk, District 5, Board of Supervisors.
- Mark Hamby, Unincorporated Local Government
- Ann Michelle Hollinger, Public Member
- Flavio Grijalva, Jr., Public Member
- Kristian Michelle Salgado, Environmental Background/Expertise
- Andrew Schwartz, Organized Labor
- Sheleah Kay Edwards, Healthcare
- Marjorie D. Marquez, Education
- Oli Bachie, Nonprofit
- Sandy Finnell, Business
- Jeffrey Nemeth, Energy Industry
- John Grass, City of Brawley
- Gilberto Manzanares, City of Calexico
- Michael Luellen, City of Calipatria
- Angel Hernandez, City of El Centro
- Mike Goodsell, City of Holtville
- Dennis Morita, City of Imperial

I. Call to Order

II. Conduct Oath of Office for Committee.

III. Roll Call

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Public Comment – 3 Minute per speaker

VI. Approval of the Order of the Agenda

VII. Informational Items

- a. Overview of formation of Committee and approved bylaws.

VIII. Discussion/action

- a. Selection of Officers:
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Vice-Chair
 - iii. Secretary
- b. Select meeting date, time and location.

IX. Member Reports/Announcements.

X. Next Meeting Date

POSTING LOCATIONS: This meeting was legally noticed and posted at the following locations:

https://imperial.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

**RESOLUTION OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ESTABLISHING THE DATA CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ADVISE
REGARDING DATA CENTER LAND USE, ZONING, AND POLICY OPTIONS WITHIN
THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF IMPERIAL COUNTY**

Resolution No. 2026-105

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for the long-term planning and orderly development of the unincorporated areas of Imperial County through the adoption and implementation of the General Plan, zoning regulations, and related land use policies; and

WHEREAS, the County of Imperial has received public input concerning the development of data centers within the unincorporated areas of Imperial County; and

WHEREAS, members of the public have expressed concerns regarding, among other issues, the potential proximity of data center developments to existing residential neighborhoods, schools, and other potentially sensitive uses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that data centers may provide economic development opportunities and infrastructure investment within Imperial County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to obtain recommendations that balance economic development opportunities, land use compatibility, infrastructure considerations, environmental concerns, and community interests; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that certain areas of Imperial County are characterized by existing industrial, energy, infrastructure, or other large-scale uses and may present different land use compatibility considerations than areas located in proximity to residential neighborhoods, schools, and other sensitive uses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors understands that certain data center uses may be permitted within existing zoning classifications under the County's current regulatory framework; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that the existing zoning and regulatory framework may affect the manner in which data center projects are reviewed under applicable state and local laws; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to further evaluate potential land use and zoning options relating to data center development, including options that may address the proximity of such uses to residential neighborhoods, schools, and other potentially sensitive uses, while avoiding unnecessary restrictions on appropriate industrial development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires additional information and analysis concerning potential amendments to the Imperial County General Plan, the Imperial County Codified Ordinances, the use of specific plans, and other potential planning or regulatory mechanisms related to data center development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes that input from a broad range of stakeholders may assist the County in evaluating potential land use and zoning options relating to data center development and therefore desires to establish an advisory committee to provide recommendations regarding such matters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors finds and directs as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The Data Center Advisory Committee is hereby established to advise the Board of Supervisors on potential land use and zoning options relating to data center development within the unincorporated areas of Imperial County. The Data Center Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity only, and all final policy and land use decisions shall remain with the Board of Supervisors.

County staff is directed to take the necessary administrative steps to facilitate the appointment of members to the Data Center Advisory Committee.

The Data Center Advisory Committee shall consist of nineteen (19) members. The members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, unless otherwise indicated. The membership shall be as follows:

- a. Two (2) members of the Board of Supervisors;
- b. Seven (7) members appointed by the seven incorporated cities within the county of Imperial, with each city having one appointment;
- c. One (1) representative from local government that is not an incorporated city.
- d. Two (2) representatives of community interests;
- e. One (1) representative with an environmental background or expertise.
- f. One (1) representative from organized labor;
- g. One (1) representative from the healthcare community;
- h. One (1) representative from the education community;
- i. One (1) representative from a nonprofit organization;

- j. One (1) representative from the business community; and
- k. One (1) representative from the energy industry sector.

County staff is directed to advertise and receive applications for appointment to the Data Center Advisory Committee. County staff is further directed to return to the Board in order to appoint and/or confirm members the committee. County staff is further directed to take those steps necessary to facilitate the work of the Data Center Advisory Committee, which may include the hiring of a consultant with expertise in data center development.

3. The Data Center Advisory Committee shall evaluate and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding potential land use, zoning, and policy options relating to data center development within the unincorporated areas of Imperial County. Such recommendations may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Potential amendments to the Imperial County General Plan;
 - b. Potential amendments to the Imperial County Codified Ordinances;
 - c. The use of specific plans or other planning tools relating to the location and regulation of data center development;
 - d. The establishment of location or proximity standards relating to residential neighborhoods, schools, and other sensitive uses;
 - e. The identification of areas that may be more appropriate for data center development based upon existing land uses, infrastructure, energy resources, and compatibility with surrounding uses;
 - f. Consideration of implementation options and the legal implications associated with any recommended amendments, including whether such amendments should apply prospectively only or, where legally permissible, to projects currently in process; and
 - g. Any other recommendations the committee determines appropriate.

The Data Center Advisory Committee shall present its findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors by January 1, 2027, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable.

4. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as approving, denying, or expressing a position regarding any particular existing or proposed data center project. Nothing in

this Resolution shall be construed as directing or predetermining any future amendment to the General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, or other land use regulation.

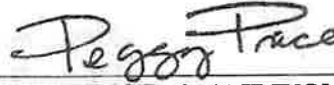
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, County of Imperial, State of California, this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Escobar, Cardenas-Singh, Price, Kelley, Hawk

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None



PEGGY PRICE, CHAIRWOMAN
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



CYNTHIA MEDINA

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**THE IMPERIAL COUNTY DATA CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DCAC)
THROUGH THE IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY
RESOLVES, DETERMINES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. NAME

The name of the committee shall be the Data Center Advisory Committee (DCAC).

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the DCAC shall be to advise the Board of Supervisors on potential land use and zoning options relating to data center development within the unincorporated areas of Imperial County.

3. CHARGE

The DCAC shall evaluate and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding potential land use, zoning, and policy options relating to data center development within the unincorporated areas of Imperial County.

In carrying out its Charge, the DCAC shall evaluate and make recommendations regarding the following:

- a. Potential amendments to the Imperial County General Plan;
- b. Potential amendments to the Imperial County Codified Ordinances;
- c. The use of specific plans or other planning tools relating to the location and regulation of data center development;
- d. The establishment of location or proximity standards relating to residential neighborhoods, schools, and other sensitive uses;
- e. The identification of areas that may be more appropriate for data center development based upon existing land uses, infrastructure, energy resources, and compatibility with surrounding uses;
- f. Consideration of implementation options and the legal implications associated with any recommended amendments, including whether such amendments should apply prospectively only or, where legally permissible, to projects currently in process; and
- g. Any other recommendations the committee determines appropriate.

The DCAC shall present its findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors by January 1, 2027, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The DCAC consists of nineteen (19) members. The members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, unless otherwise indicated. The membership shall be as follows:

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- b. Seven (7) members appointed by the seven incorporated cities within the county of Imperial, with each city having one appointment;
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- i. One (1) representative from a nonprofit organization;
- j. One (1) representative from the business community; and
- k. One (1) representative from the energy industry sector.

5. APPOINTMENTS AND TERM

- a. Members of the DCAC are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, except for the members representing the seven incorporated cities which shall be appointed by the city councils of those cities.
- b. The Board of Supervisors shall have sole authority to remove appointees from membership.
- c. A member may resign at any time by submitting a written resignation to the Chair. The resignation shall be effective upon receipt unless a later effective date is specified.
- d. Appointments shall end when the DCAC has accomplished its Purpose and Charge.

6. OFFICERS

- a. The officers of the DCAC shall be:
 - i. The Chair, whose duties shall be to preside at all DCAC meetings; serve as committee spokesperson to the Imperial County Board of Supervisors; direct planning for community sessions; and present its findings to the Board of Supervisors.
 - ii. The Vice-Chair, whose duties shall be to assist the Chair and in his/her absence serve as Chairperson; assume the position of Chairperson in the event the Chairperson leaves the DCAC.
 - iii. The Secretary, whose duties shall be to record minutes of all meetings; receive and transmit committee correspondence and materials designated by members; maintain notebook of all minutes, agendas, correspondence, and other information pertinent to DCAC.
- b. The Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary shall be elected at the DCAC's first regular meeting, and shall serve until the DCAC has accomplished its Purpose and Charge.
- c. Vacancies in office shall be filled at the next regular meeting following the vacancy of an officer.

7. MEETINGS

- a. The meetings and proceedings of the DCAC shall be conducted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950 et seq.).
- b. The DCAC shall meet as often as necessary to carry out its Purpose and Charge.
- c. Regular meetings shall be scheduled by the Chair in consultation with County staff. Notice and agendas for regular meetings shall be posted and distributed in accordance with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, including at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting.

- d. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the members of the DCAC. Notice of a special meeting shall be provided in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, including at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice to each member and the public.
- e. All meetings of the DCAC shall be open to the public, except as otherwise authorized by law, and shall be held in facilities that are accessible to the public. Meeting agendas and notices shall also be posted on the County's website.
- f. Meeting notices and agendas shall identify the date, time, and location of the meeting and shall include a brief description of each item of business to be considered, consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

8. QUORUM AND VOTING

- a. Ten members of the DCAC shall constitute a quorum.
- b. Except as otherwise required by law or these Bylaws, an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute an action of the DCAC.
- c. No official business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

9. ATTENDANCE

Members are expected to attend all regular meetings. Any member who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings without good cause may be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for removal from the DCAC.

10. COMMITTEES

- a. The DCAC may establish such subcommittees or ad hoc committees as it determines are necessary to carry out its Charge. Appointments may be made by the Chair or upon motion of any member duly carried.
- b. Each subcommittee shall report its activities and recommendations to the DCAC at such times as the Chair may direct or the DCAC may require.

11. COMPENSATION

Appointees to the DCAC shall serve without compensation.