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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2020
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED CALIFORNIA
STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES EXCESS INSURANCE
AUTHORITY JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve amendment to the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority Joint Powers Agreement and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement of the California State Association of Counties Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA).

FUNDING: This item does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. No budget amendment is required for this item.

BACKGROUND:

CSAC-EIA was formed by and for California counties in 1979 by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). Today, 55 out of the 58 counties in California participate in one or more of the EIA programs. Nevada County remains a voting member of CSAC-EIA. In 2001, CSAC-EIA expanded its offerings to other California public agencies. At this point, over 70% of the cities in California participate in one or more of the CSAC-EIA programs. In addition, a variety of special districts, school districts, and JPAs also participate in EIA Programs. CSAC-EIA is recognized as the largest public entity property and casualty pool in the United States.

After 40 years of existence, CSAC-EIA is proposing to change its name to Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management (otherwise known as PRISM). The consideration of a name change came at the request of CSAC due to the on-going confusion over the fact that CSAC-EIA and CSAC are two completely separate entities. There is additional confusion in

the CSAC-EIA name as it relates to our current identity. CSAC-EIA offers multiple primary and excess programs and is no longer singularly focused on “excess” programs. The EIA is not an insurance company and does not provide “insurance” from a technical standpoint.

The subject of a name change was discussed with the EIA’s Executive Committee and various Committee Chairs at a strategic planning retreat in November 2019. Thereafter, the Executive Committee approved moving forward with a name change and staff and a sub-committee of Executive Committee members were tasked with coming up with a new name. Some points that were at the forefront of the discussions regarding a new name include: (1) removing confusion by eliminating “CSAC,” “Excess,” and “Insurance” from its name; and (2) taking California out of the name since the organization is poised to expand its programs and services to public agencies across the nation. The new name – Public Risk Innovations, Solutions, and Management will support the Authority’s current and future identity as one of the largest, most successful member-directed risk sharing pools in the nation.

The main purpose of the proposed JPA Amendment is to substitute the new name for the old one throughout the document. Another notable change is that the provision that county members must maintain their membership in CSAC is being removed. This will help the organization create a unique identity apart from CSAC. The removal of this requirement does not affect the governance of the EIA in any way. Finally, CSAC-EIA is proposing other amendments to the Agreement to “clean up” the document to coincide with current practices and the future vision of the organization

Item Initiated by: Nicholas Poole, Risk Manager

Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

Submittal Date: May 12, 2020

Revision Date: