

Property and Liability Program

Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) offers a straightforward, uncomplicated program for special districts and other public agencies. Coverage documents are broad form manuscript policies written on an “occurrence form” to ensure the highest level of coverage and maximum protection of assets for governmental entities providing municipal services. Established in 1986, this program has a proven reputation for stable, competitive rates, actuarially based fiscal management, and sound underwriting practices.

COVERAGE

- General Liability Limits \$2.5 Million - \$10 Million Per Occurrence (Higher limits available upon request)
- Property Limits \$1,000,000,000 Per Occurrence
- Ancillary coverages are offered on a member-by-member basis
- SDRMA maintains a Self-Insured Retention that is periodically adjusted based on market conditions

CLAIMS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

SDRMA recognizes that claims management is a critical component and serves as the strength of our risk management program. Under the supervision of Chief Risk Officer Dennis Timoney, property and liability claims are processed, managed and adjusted “in-house”. Our primary objective is to prevent employee injuries and positively impact the overall cost of property and liability coverages, as well as provide employees and employers fair and equitable claims management and resolution. SDRMA uses state-of-the-art claims management software to provide an accurate up-to-date status of each claim, loss run reports and financial information. Moreover, SDRMA’s role is not to be adversarial, but to create a partnership with its members.

LOSS CONTROL AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

SDRMA believes the key to a successful loss control and prevention program is quality, relevant education. Our members are provided with a variety of loss prevention programs, at no additional cost, including an online certified safety training program, a minimum of three training seminars annually, on-site educational programs (upon request) and access to a library containing more than 130 training videotapes.

VALUE ADDED SERVICES

Members participate in a complimentary safety management program including:

- Online Certified Safety Training Program
- On-site Risk Management, Assessment and Loss Control Visits
- Contract Review and Risk Analysis
- Policy Manuals on Safety and Risk Management Issues
- Defensive Driver Training Courses
- DMV Records Review
- Risk Management Videotape Library
- Property Valuations
- Special Events Liability Assistance
- Safety Education and Training Seminars

RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Property and liability coverage protection is just one component of SDRMA’s overall risk management program. Our risk management program includes risk assessment, risk analysis, risk protection (insurance coverage) and loss control. Asset protection for Agency exposures, assisting in preventing future losses, educating Agency staff, monitoring the Agency’s regulatory environment and providing the Agency with access to a risk manager are all elements of the overall risk management program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

SDRMA’s eligibility requirements provide that member agencies:

- Must be a public agency formed under the California Government Code
- Execute the SDRMA Joint Powers Agreement
- Commit to an initial three-year member enrollment (thereafter coverage may be renewed annually)
- Maintain annual membership in California Special Districts Association (CSDA)

Please do not hesitate to call Special District Risk Management Authority at 800.537.7790, should you have any questions.

Property and Liability Package Coverage Description

GENERAL LIABILITY

General liability coverage provides protection for claims and losses arising from third-party personal injury, bodily injury and property damages. Coverage includes: subsidence (associated with main leaks and breaks), sudden and accidental release of chlorine, water and wastewater as a completed product (not pollution), failure to supply, sewer overflow/backups, hazardous material loading/unloading, volunteers/employees and inverse condemnation and dam failure liability (by endorsement). There are no general liability policy sublimits. Defense costs are outside policy limits. Limit: \$2,500,000 per occurrence; no annual aggregate. Deductible: None; \$500 (property damage only) per occurrence.

AUTO LIABILITY

Auto liability coverage protects members from lawsuits for bodily injury and property damages to the public arising out of ownership, maintenance or use of a covered vehicle. Coverage includes: owned vehicles, non-owned and hired vehicles and uninsured motorists. Limit: \$2,500,000 per occurrence; no annual aggregate. Deductible: None (bodily injury); \$1,000 (property damage) per occurrence.

AUTO PHYSICAL DAMAGE

Auto physical damage (comprehensive and collision) provides protection for damage or loss to a member's owned vehicle. Comprehensive coverage includes: fire, theft, vandalism, windstorm, hail, flood, glass breakage, damage caused by riot or civil commotion and damage from hitting or being hit by birds and animals. Collision coverage provides coverage for repair or replacement for like kind, type and condition based on actual cash value. Valuation: Actual Cash Value (ACV) or agreed upon value. Deductible: Member selectable \$250 comprehensive/\$500 collision or \$500 comprehensive/\$1,000 collision per occurrence.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PERSONAL LIABILITY PROTECTION (OUTSIDE COURSE AND SCOPE)

This highly specialized, unique coverage protects elected/appointed officials from claims and settlements arising outside the course and scope of their duties. Coverage includes: invasion of privacy, libel, slander, defamation of character, discrimination, false arrest and malicious prosecution. Limit: \$500,000 per official per year; annual aggregate. Deductible: \$500 per claim.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY

Employment practices liability provides coverage for claims and losses arising from "wrongful" employment practices. Coverage includes: wrongful termination, sexual harassment and discrimination. Limit: \$2,500,000 per occurrence; annual aggregate. Deductible: None.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LIABILITY

Employee benefits liability coverage for claims and settlements resulting from the negligent administration of employee benefit plans. Limit: \$2,500,000 per occurrence; annual aggregate. Deductible: None.

EMPLOYEE AND OFFICIALS FIDELITY BLANKET BOND

Employee and officials fidelity blanket bond provides coverage protection for member losses resulting from fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by employees, volunteers or board members. Coverage includes: larceny, theft, embezzlement, forgery and wrongful misappropriation. Limit: \$400,000. Deductible: None.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

Public officials errors and omissions coverage for public officials' and director's "wrongful acts", alleged or actual negligence, errors or omissions, breach of duty, misfeasance, malfeasance and nonfeasance, and defamation. Limit: \$2,500,000 per occurrence; annual aggregate. Deductible: None.

PROPERTY COVERAGE (INCLUDING FLOOD AND MOBILE EQUIPMENT)

Property coverage provided for the replacement cost value of building and contents. Additional extensions provided for accounts receivable, builders risk, business interruption, commandeered property, cost of construction, debris removal, electronic data processing (items not scheduled) extra expense, fine arts (appraised value), flood coverage (annual aggregate), pollution clean-up (related to property loss), personal property of others and valuable papers. Valuation: replacement cost (without depreciation). Limit: \$1,000,000,000, no annual aggregate. Deductible: \$2,000 per occurrence.

BOILER AND MACHINERY

Boiler and machinery coverage provides coverage for the “sudden and accidental” breakdown of mechanical and electrical machinery. Coverage includes: expediting expenses, business income, extra expense, spoilage, water damage, ammonia contamination, hazardous substances, error in description and newly acquired property. Limit: \$100,000,000 repair/replacement. Deductible: \$1,000 per occurrence.

ANCILLARY COVERAGES

Ancillary coverages are available on a member-by-member basis (such as: pollution liability and earthquake).

This information is provided as a general description only, and is not intended to supercede specific policy documents.
In the event of a conflict in language, the policy(ies) will be the controlling document.