



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PICO WATER DISTRICT
4843 S. Church Street
Pico Rivera, California, 90660**

6:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 3, 2021

AGENDA

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 12, 2020, any Board member and any member of the public who desires to participate in the open session items of this meeting may do so by accessing the Zoom link below to join by webcam or teleconference without otherwise complying with the Brown Act's teleconference requirements.

Any member of the public wishing to make any comments to the Board may do so through that Zoom link. The meeting Chair will acknowledge such individual(s) at the appropriate time in the meeting prior to making his or her comment. All members of the public will be disconnected from the Zoom link immediately before the Board of Directors adjourns into Closed Session.

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Meeting ID: 952 177 9948

Passcode: 421745

1. **ROLL CALL.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE.**

3. **INVOCATION.**

4. **TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

*Members of the public shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on any matter on the agenda and/or within the jurisdiction of the District, which is not on the Agenda. All comments should be addressed to the presiding officer of the meeting. Additional public comments shall be allowed when a listed agenda item is being considered, but such comments made at that time must be confined to the subject that is being discussed at the time such comments are made. Members of the public are asked to state their name for the record. Due to all Board Meetings being run as Zoom Meetings all participants will be placed on mute at the start of the meeting and when the meeting is open for public comment the participant will be asked to raise their hand through the button on the video conference screen if participating by video conference or by pressing *9 on their phone if participating by teleconference.*

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA.**

6. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR.**

(All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved on one motion, unless a Board Member requests a separate action on a specific item).

- A. Consider January 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- B. Consider January 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- C. Consider the accounts now due and payable, and receive and file bills approved by the General Manager.

7. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

- A. Consider Board Appointment to Fill Board Vacancy. *Recommended Action – to be considered at the Board Meeting.*
- B. Consider Selection of a Water Purveyor to Fill the Vacant Seat for the “All Water Purveyors” on the Central Basin Municipal Water District Board. *Recommended Action – that the Board approve the nomination of Mr. Michael Gualtieri.*
- C. Discuss the Water Replenishment District’s PFAS Remediation Agreement. *Recommended Action – to be considered at the Board Meeting.*

8. **REPORTS.**

A. General Manager.

B. Legal Counsel.

9. **DIRECTOR'S REQUEST OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

10. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.**

A. Report on Meetings Attended/Comments.

11. **CLOSED SESSION.**

A. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.

One Case.

12. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT.**

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

AGENDA POSTED ON: January 28, 2021

Next regularly scheduled meeting: February 17, 2021

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CONSENT ITEMS

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
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A Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pico Water District was held in the District's Boardroom located at 4843 South Church Street, Pico Rivera, California, on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:03 p.m.

The District's Secretary/General Manager, Mr. Mark J. Grajeda proceeded with the roll call of the attending Board members. Present from the beginning of the meeting were President David R. Gonzales, while Director Pete Ramirez, Director Robert Martinez, and Vice President Victor Caballero participated telephonically, in adherence to social distancing. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically and Pico Rivera City Councilmember Andrew Lara participated telephonically.

President Gonzales presided over the meeting and Councilmember Lara led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Caballero gave the invocation.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. Councilmember Lara informed the Board that the Pico Rivera City Council compared costs of onsite PFOS/PFOA treatment and imported water from Metropolitan Water District/Central Basin Municipal Water District and found there was a significant savings for onsite treatment of the groundwater wells.

President Gonzales proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Ramirez made the motion to adopt the Agenda and Vice president Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the approval of the Consent Calendar. Director Ramirez informed the Board that he cannot vote on item 6A – consider December 2, 2020 Board Minutes as he was not a Board Member at that time. President Gonzales made the motion to approve item 6A – December 2, 2020 Board Minutes and Director Martinez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 3-0. Continuing with the approval of the Consent Calendar, Director Martinez made the motion to approve items 6B, C, D, and E and President Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider establishing the process to fill the Board vacancy left by Director Andrew Lara's election to the City of Pico Rivera Council. Legal Counsel explained to the Board the requirements for vacating the seat, reporting the vacancy, posting the vacancy and the options to fill the vacancy. Those options are to hold an election, or the Board could appoint someone or the Board could take no action and then have the City of Pico Rivera appoint someone. The General Manager reviewed with the Board the steps

the District will take to post the vacancy – the District planned to place a notice in the Whittier daily News, post the vacancy on the District’s onsite bulletin board and on our website, post on our in social media site, post a notice at the local post office, post a notice on the senior center Board and on the local library Facebook. After a brief discussion, it was reiterated that time is of the essence for the Board to act as they are constrained by a deadline of February 16, 2021. Director Caballero made the motion to approve the procedures as outlined by Legal Counsel and the General Manager and Director Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider joining the Public Water Agencies Group to file for a grant from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The General Manager reviewed the staff report outlining the background and purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The group was planning to seek a maximum amount of \$250,000 and would need to contribute 25% which would be split amongst the members and should not cost the District much over \$6,000. Legal Counsel informed the Board that currently there are 10 PWAG members participating as the other members of PWAG have already prepared their own Hazard Mitigation Plan. After a brief discussion Director Caballero made the motion to approve and Director Martinez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider proposal from Kabbara Engineering to prepare engineering plans to extend the eight-inch mainline in Burma Road approximately 400 lineal feet to Rosemead Boulevard. The General Manager reviewed with the Board the staff report outlining the need to replace the existing four-inch main, and extend the existing eight-inch main the length of Burma to Rosemead Boulevard. Vice President Caballero made the motion to approve and Director Martinez seconded the motion in the amount of \$10,615.00. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager’s report. Work in Beverly Blvd. is moving along very well; also the General Manager informed the Board that there is an old asbestos line currently in the sidewalk south of Norm’s Restaurant that he is suggesting the District replace and will bring back for consideration at the next Board meeting; currently District staff is working on closing out the fiscal year and readying reports for the coming year to include CivilTec Engineering going forward on the Water Master Plan; having AKM present an update at the next board meeting on the PFAS/PFOA engineering plan and discuss the capacity fee charge.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. There was none.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director’s request for future agenda items. There were none.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director report on meetings attended. There were none.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director comments. Vice President Caballero commented on his appreciation for Councilmember Lara and the ability to report honestly and work alongside one another.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 6:42 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:02 p.m. Legal Counsel reported closed session was held regarding anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 paragraph (4), subdivision (d) and no reportable action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:

Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

(Seal)

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A Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pico Water District was held in the District's Boardroom located at 4843 South Church Street, Pico Rivera, California, on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:05 p.m.

The District's Secretary/General Manager, Mr. Mark J. Grajeda proceeded with the roll call of the attending Board members. Present from the beginning of the meeting were President David R. Gonzales, while Director Pete Ramirez, Director Robert Martinez, and Vice President Victor Caballero participated telephonically, in adherence to social distancing. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically. Pico City Councilmember Andrew Lara participated telephonically.

President Gonzales presided over the meeting and Vice President Caballero led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Martinez gave the invocation.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. Ms. Camacho-Rodriguez stated that there are residents that are not fully aware of how water contamination happened and graciously requested that the Board put on a public informational meeting to address their concerns. Joey from the city of Downey stated that he is concerned regarding the contamination of the water and would like people to take this seriously.

President Gonzales proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Vice President Caballero made the motion to adopt the Agenda. Director Martinez then requested that Item #8A – further extension of the mainline in Rosemead Blvd. be removed to another time. Due to a standing motion on the floor, President Gonzales seconded the motion to adopt the Agenda as written. The General Manager announced the motion to adopt the Agenda as presented passed by roll-call vote, 3 – 1 with Director Martinez voting “no”.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, presentation by AKM Consulting Engineers on status of work to prepare bid specification to purchase and build new PFAS Treatment Systems for the District. Mr. Zeki Kayiran, P.E. informed the Board they are working on all required documents including, plans, specifications, estimates and an engineering report to be submitted to the Division of Drinking Water to address the treatment of PFAS chemicals for District Wells #5A, 8 and 11. The critical restraint facing this project is the number of water entities across the nation who are addressing this issue simultaneously and the availability of vessels for treatment to remove PFAS. It is their recommendation that these vessels be purchased in advance as soon as it is feasible as there is a 26-week lag time for production. If this can be done it is their belief that treatment can begin by the end of the year excluding a state mandate of 6 months of testing. Vice President Caballero stated he is pleased with the projected timeline. Director Martinez inquired as to who will inspect construction and then stated that he spoke with WRD and is happy to announce that the District is a recipient of funding assistance for the PFAS treatment systems. He further stated he spoke with Senator Robert Archuleta and was

informed that there are other monies available there as well. Director Martinez stated that he would get with the General Manager to go over this information.

President Gonzales proceeded to the approval of the Consent Calendar. Director Martinez made the motion to approve and Vice President Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider further extension of the mainline in Rosemead Blvd. as part of the Beverly & Rosemead Boulevards Improvement Project. President Gonzales commented that the General Manager touched on this item at the last Board meeting and he has had the opportunity to go by the current area where the work is being performed and stated they are moving along pretty well as they are the only contractors in there at this time and this is the reason why he was not in favor of pulling this item as he feels time is of the essence. He further stated that being good stewards for the District there are some cost savings that can be realized by doing this now. The General Manager reviewed the project with the Board and the reason staff feels that now is the opportune time to perform the work. Director Ramirez expressed his support of this request as even with this additional work it is well below the bids by the other contractors for the original scope of work. Director Martinez stated he is concerned with this project as he feels since there is no traffic plan, no specifications or construction drawings, and there is no clue as to what is in the ground that this would be a good opportunity for the contractor to charge extras without a confirmative scope of work and he feels it is too big a liability for the District to take. Director Martinez made a motion to remove this item to a later time. Vice President Caballero asked the General Manager to elaborate on the issues presented by Director Martinez as he has done his homework on getting the project done. Director Ramirez asked to make a comment, but his call was dropped. The General Manager stated that Director Martinez makes very sound, valid points but it is because of those reasons that the District utilizes a preferred list of contractors. It has been the District's experience, through the relationships cultivated with these contractors that they do not "charge extras". With regard to J. DeSigio and the work they are doing now, this project has had items that were unknowns and through the relationship established they have been handled at little to no cost. There are projects that get done without plans and specifications, known as "Design and Build", and our engineers did review the county specs to determine what might be in the area, both a sewer and a gas line were notated, and neither one seems to be a problem. Potholing is scheduled to be billed as time and materials as the District did not know how long it would take to perform. At this time Director Ramirez was back on line and the General Manager deferred to him so he could continue with his comment. He stated that the District has been informed that everything in the ground in Rosemead was okay. The General Manager continued that the District feels comfortable and confident that there will not be anything detrimental as Director Martinez stated. The recommendation by District staff is that the District purchase the materials required for the work and the agreement with J. DeSigio be approved to install an additional 745 LF of ductile iron pipe, at a cost not to exceed \$229,045.00 which should more than cover the cost of unknowns, if there are any. Director Ramirez made the motion to approve and Vice President Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 3-1, with Director Martinez voting "no".

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, discuss the implementation of a new Capacity Charge. The General Manager introduced Erik Helgeson with Bartle Wells Associates to discuss the Capacity Fee Study that was done in conjunction with the rate study. He explained that Capacity Fees are one-time charges paid by new development of the area and the

benefit they receive, being their share of system capacity. He reviewed requirements under the Government Code, the methodology used to calculate fees, how capacity fee revenues can be used, and discussed how the Board would need to inform the public should they wish to move forward with this action. The General Manager reiterated that these fees will be paid by developers and property owners who may be developing a new or former piece of property. The collection of these fees will help to fund new CIP projects for distribution, new meter projects, and new well projects. Legal Counsel reiterated notice and hearing requirements and accounting and reporting requirements.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's report. Work in Beverly Blvd. is moving very quickly and should be over at Layman Avenue by next week; notice of the Board vacancy has been posted as required.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. SB 45, a climate resiliency bill, has been introduced providing a bond of \$5.5 billion for various environmental uses with several hundred million dollars of water related funded in it. SB 222 establish a low-income rate assistance program throughout the state. Counsel will be following both of these and will give updates as needed.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's request for future agenda items. There were none.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director report on meetings attended. There were none.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director comments. President Gonzales stated that on more than one occasion the General Manager has had to call Board Members after 6:00 p.m. to inquire if they were attending the meeting. He feels as elected official it is important to be responsible and call in no later than 5:59 p.m. so meetings can begin as scheduled.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:

Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

(Seal)



Pico Water District, CA

Open Payable Report

As Of 01/28/2021

Summarized by Payable Account

Payable Number	Description	Post Date	Payable Amount	Discount Amount	Shipping Amount	Tax Amount	Net Amount
Payable Account:	10-000-2000 - Accounts Payable						
Vendor: 1007	ACWA-JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY						
INV0001006	DEC 2020 - 4TH QRTR WRKRS COMP	12/31/2020	4,462.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,462.30
						Payable Count: (1)	4,462.30
Vendor: 1375	AUTOMATED WATER TREATMENT						
941	Chemicals - Well #11 Tablets	01/11/2021	3,730.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,730.86
						Payable Count: (1)	3,730.86
Vendor: 1026	BELL PIPE & SUPPLY CO						
S26660234.002	JAN 2020 - RETURN OF PRODUCT	01/31/2020	-74.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	-74.10
						Payable Count: (1)	-74.10
Vendor: 1046	CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT						
PWD-DEC20	JAN 2021 - RECYCLED WATER M/E NOV 2020	01/21/2021	4,070.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,070.30
						Payable Count: (1)	4,070.30
Vendor: 1054	CINTAS 0168 - ORANGE CA FAS						
5047208004	Safety Exp. - VYNL Gloves Small, Medium, & Large	12/31/2020	156.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	156.04
						Payable Count: (1)	156.04
Vendor: 1055	CIVILTEC ENGINEERING, INC.						
43459	DEC 2020 - CIP WELL 11 EQUIPING THRU 11/28/20	12/31/2020	1,398.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,398.40
						Payable Count: (1)	1,398.40
Vendor: 1362	FAMCON - PIPE & SUPPLY, INC.						
S100043599.001	Meter Boxes	01/13/2021	1,653.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,653.75
						Payable Count: (1)	1,653.75
Vendor: 1111	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE						
3592628	Misc. Well Maint. - Well Supplies for Clean Up	11/26/2019	15.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.84
2592692	Yard Maint. - Supplies for Cleaning Crew	11/27/2019	79.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.55
8105491	Well #11 - Material for Irrigation	12/11/2019	19.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.84
235	Meter Repair-PVC Parts for Irrigation Line HookUp	12/11/2019	48.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.27
00000006	NOV 2019 CREDIT MEMO FOR RETURN THAT WAS PAID	12/31/2019	-80.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	-80.75
7094052	Well #11 - Maint. Parts for Electric / CL2 Work	01/25/2021	132.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	132.67
7102877	Well #11 - Maint. Parts for Electric / CL2 Work	01/25/2021	10.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.78
						Payable Count: (7)	226.20
Vendor: 1117	INFOSEND						
183327	DEC 2020 - DELINQUENTS	12/31/2020	271.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	271.03
						Payable Count: (1)	271.03
Vendor: 1135	LAGERLOF, LLP						
27579	DEC 2020 - LEGAL SERVICES GENERAL MATTERS	12/31/2020	2,349.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,349.00
27580	DEC 2020 - LEGAL SERVICES PERSONNEL	12/31/2020	116.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.00
27581	DEC 2020 - LEGAL SERVICES BOARD MTGS	12/31/2020	1,131.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,131.00
						Payable Count: (3)	3,596.00
Vendor: 1156	NORTHERN SAFETY CO., INC.						
904265336	Safety Exp. - Chemical Mask & Earplugs	01/11/2021	192.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	192.74
						Payable Count: (1)	192.74
Vendor: 1163	PAC COMM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.						
96102	JAN 2021 - JAN BACKUP SERVICE	01/21/2021	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
						Payable Count: (1)	150.00
Vendor: 1368	PUBLIC WATER AGENCIES GROUP						
275	JAN 2021 - PROF SVCS - EMERGN Y PRPDNSS PRGRM	01/21/2021	963.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	963.75
297	JAN 2021 - QRTRLY ASSESSMENT 1ST QRTR 2021	01/21/2021	875.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	875.00
						Payable Count: (2)	1,838.75
Vendor: 1183	QUILL CORPORATION						
12781645	DEC 2020 - OFFICE SUPPLIES	12/31/2020	22.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.70
						Payable Count: (1)	22.70
Vendor: 1202	SHELL						
696765	Misc. Fuel Exp. - Diesel Fuel Unit #50	09/09/2019	81.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	81.18
708693	Misc. Fuel Exp. - Compressor	09/10/2019	53.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.36
858530	Misc. Fuel Exp. - Diesel Fuel - Backhoe	09/26/2019	87.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.82
60855926	SEPT 2019 - FUEL CHARGES	09/30/2019	115.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.89
j2	Fuel Exp. - Diesel Fuel for Backhoe	11/27/2019	89.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.52
						Payable Count: (6)	439.77

Open Payable Report

As Of 01/28/2021

Payable Number	Description	Post Date	Payable Amount	Discount Amount	Shipping Amount	Tax Amount	Net Amount		
<u>66521626</u>	JULY 2020 - OFFICE SUPPLIES	07/29/2020	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00		
Vendor: <u>1251</u> <u>5518028</u>	WATERLINE TECHNOLOGIES, INC Chemicals-NaOCI Preventative Disinfectant at Wells	01/11/2021	272.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	272.00		
							Payable Count: (1)	0	
Vendor: <u>1254</u> <u>100310</u>	WEST WHITTIER PAINT CO. Well #5A Maint. - Paint for Well / Weld Areas	01/20/2021	170.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.23		
							Payable Count: (1)	170.23	
Vendor: <u>1258</u> <u>502286</u>	WHITTIER DAILY NEWS DEC 2020 - NOTICE ORDINANCE 64 #5029989	12/31/2020	2,090.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,090.00		
							Payable Count: (1)	2,090.00	
Payable Account 10-000-2000							Payable Count: (32)	Total:	24,666.97

Payable Account Summary

Account	Count	Amount
10-000-2000 - Accounts Payable	32	24,666.97
Report Total:	32	24,666.97

Payable Fund Summary

Fund	Count	Amount
10 - General Operating	32	24,666.97
Report Total:	32	24,666.97

**JANUARY 1, 2021 –
JANUARY 28, 2021
BILLS APPROVED BY THE
GENERAL MANAGER**

2-03-2021



Pico Water District, CA

Check Report

By Check Number

Date Range: 01/01/2021 - 01/28/2021

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: AP-Accounts Payable						
1360	ADRIAN CHAVEZ	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	176.34	61217
1009	AIRGAS USA, LLC	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	104.28	61218
1043	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	1,613.40	61219
1053	CINTAS #053	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	427.20	61220
1069	CV STRATEGIES	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	5,790.00	61221
1071	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	333.53	61222
1080	EDISON COMPANY	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	4,097.33	61223
1362	FAMCON - PIPE & SUPPLY, INC.	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	161.52	61224
1090	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	388.68	61225
1117	INFOSEND	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	1,956.09	61226
1163	PAC COMM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	310.00	61227
1183	QUILL CORPORATION	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	22.70	61228
1184	QUINN COMPANY	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	148.72	61229
1187	RAYMOND M. RODRIGUEZ, JR.	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	182.00	61230
1245	VERIZON WIRELESS	01/06/2021	Regular	0.00	84.16	61231
1008	ACWA/JPIA	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	21,366.61	61232
1035	CALIFORNIA COMPUTER SCHOOLS, INC.	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	91.00	61233
1080	EDISON COMPANY	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	13,730.44	61234
1327	ENVIRONMENT CONTROL GREATER ORANGE C	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	844.00	61235
1117	INFOSEND	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	1,738.37	61236
1135	LAGERLOF, LLP	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	1,711.00	61237
1163	PAC COMM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	150.00	61238
1184	QUINN COMPANY	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	12,469.95	61239
1250	WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	124,749.74	61240
	WECK LABORATORIES, INC.	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	3,272.00	61241
1046	CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	5,403.26	61242
1132	JUAN ROMAN	01/14/2021	Regular	0.00	150.00	61243
1178	ADT COMMERCIAL	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	568.96	61244
1009	AIRGAS USA, LLC	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	128.90	61245
1378	AKM CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	10,753.00	61246
1012	AMERICAN EMBLEMATIC LLC	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	183.30	61247
1017	AT & T	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	243.18	61248
1361	CITY OF LAKEWOOD	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	239.40	61249
1064	COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	795.34	61250
1077	DIEGO'S AUTO REPAIR	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	100.00	61251
1369	EIDE BAILLY LLP	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	1,518.75	61252
1327	ENVIRONMENT CONTROL GREATER ORANGE C	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	844.00	61253
1132	JUAN ROMAN	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	20.58	61254
1153	NASA SERVICES	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	169.74	61255
1370	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC.	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	253.28	61256
1183	QUILL CORPORATION	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	141.61	61257
1184	QUINN COMPANY	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	2,551.61	61258
1209	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	59.72	61259
1211	SPECTRUM	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	312.94	61260
1235	U.S. BANK	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	123,026.46	61261
1237	UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	128.85	61262
1249	VOTACALL, INC.	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	144.43	61263

Check Report

Date Range: 01/01/2021 - 01/28/2021

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
1111	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	01/21/2021	Regular	0.00	479.89	61264

Bank Code AP Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	86	48	0.00	344,136.26
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
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All Bank Codes Check Summary

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Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
10	General Operating	1/2021	344,136.26
			<u>344,136.26</u>

ACTION ITEMS

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PICO WATER DISTRICT
4843 S. Church Street
Pico Rivera, California, 90660**

6:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 3, 2021

AGENDA

7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- A. Consider Board Appointment to Fill Board Vacancy. *Recommended Action – to be considered at the Board Meeting.*

STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Board of Directors
From: Mark Grajeda, General Manager
Meeting Date: February 3, 2021
Subject: Action Item 7A – Consider Board Appointment to Fill Board Vacancy

Recommendation

To be considered at the Board Meeting.

Fiscal Impact

Minimal fiscal impact.

Background

At the Board Meeting held on Wednesday January 20, 2021, the Board considered all options available to them to fill the vacancy on the Board created when Director Andrew Lara was elected as a new councilman for the City of Pico Rivera on November 3, 2020. The Board decided to publish an announcement in the Whittier Daily Newspaper (notice was published on Tuesday January 18, 2021) informing the public of the Board vacancy and how they could apply for the vacant seat. The Notice of Board Vacancy stated that the Board would be accepting applications and letters of interest until 3:00 PM on Thursday January 28, 2021. Staff gathered all applications and letters of interest received thru 3:00 PM January 28th and provided this information to all Board Members on that same day for consideration.

Also, staff placed notice of the vacancy and application process in the following areas:

- District website;
- District bulletin board;
- District social media;
- Senior Center building;
- Pico Rivera U.S. Post Office;
- County Library Facebook page;

**PUBLIC NOTICE
SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CITIZENS' BOND
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

The Board of Education of the Azusa Unified School District is seeking qualified, interested individuals to serve on a committee of community leaders, which will serve as the Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for the implementation of the District's Measure K school facilities bond program.

Measure K was passed by voters in 2014. In accordance with Proposition 39 requirements, the Board previously established a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to which it appointed seven (7) members. The District now desires to appoint additional members to the Committee. Individuals over the age of 18, who meet the requirements, may apply to serve on the Committee. Applications may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services at (626) 858-6161/via email Melissa Vera (mvera@azusa.org) and via the District website.

The Azusa Unified School District's Board of Education will appoint members to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee after reviewing all applications.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS February 1, 2021

Pub: Jan. 13 & 19, 2021 San Gabriel Valley Tribune Ad#11434528

NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY

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The District is now accepting applications from interested individuals who qualify for this position. To be qualified, you must live in the District's service area, be a United States citizen and not have any felony convictions. The deadline for submitting your application is Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 3:00 PM. Application packets are available on the District's website www.picowaterdistrict.net and from the District Office. For further information, please call 562-692-3756 and ask for either Lorrie Laible, Office Manager or Mark Grajeda, General Manager.
Published: January 19, 2021 Whittier Daily News Ad#11436903

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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Pico Water District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION

Name: Raymond M. Rodriguez

Service Address: 8602 Roger Ct

Phone: (714) 269-3250

Email: rmreeguez@gmail.com

Pico Water District Account Number: 24236402

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

Were you ever convicted of a felony? Yes No

Have you ever served on an elected Board? Yes No

In **400 words or less**, please explain why you wish to be considered to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors. Use the space below or include the letter when submitting this application. Please address the following topics in your letter:

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- What do you perceive is the role of a Director for the Pico Water District?
- What do you know about the District?

-see attached supplemental narrative-

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

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My name is Raymond Rodriguez and I would like to fill the current vacancy on the Pico Water District Board of Directors.

I am a life-long resident of Pico Rivera, and I have lived in an area serviced by the Pico Water District for most of my life. I have long had a desire to serve the community in a way that I can be effective, and I believe this is the opportunity to do so.

I have been in the water works industry since 1994, serving in both administrative, project management and technical sales management roles. I started in pipeline contracting on an administrative level and quickly moved to managing pipeline projects until 2012. The contracts I managed included both public works contracts as well as private work for developers, but my main focus was public works. In 2012 I went to work for a major manufacturer of water products that services the water infrastructure industry both nationally and internationally. I am versed in not only the installation of pipeline infrastructure, but also the specific appurtenances that go into building a water works system.

The most important issues facing this Board are maintaining water quality, including PFOS/PFOA, current rates affected by the PFOS/PFOA mitigation process, and the implementation of an effective mitigation program that will be accepted by the rate payers.

With my experience and willingness to listen to all sides and arguments, I know I can work with the current Board to formulate and vote on the best solutions possible for the rate payers, whom Board Members are elected to serve. I would also respect the ideas put forth by fellow Directors when making decisions that affect rate payers, as I know they are all tenured in their service to the District as Directors.

The role of a Director is to represent the water district and rate payers with respect and integrity, with the interest of the district as a whole in mind at all times. This is accomplished by listening to the community members/rate payers, and taking the position of a Director seriously.

My knowledge of the District is that it was formed in 1926, and I have memories of seeing the old water tower that was there for many years. I also know the District has approximately 5400 service connections, the water is sourced from wells, and that it's treated by District personnel. I also know that the District is a D3 distribution system.

I respectfully look forward to serving on the Pico Water District Board of Directors, if I get selected to fill the current vacancy.

Thank you.

Mark Grajeda

From: Mark Grajeda <msgrajeda@picowaterdistrict.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:28 PM
To: 'Raymond Rodriguez'
Cc: 'accountspayable@picowaterdistrict.net'
Subject: RE: Pico Water District - Board of Directors Application

Good afternoon Mr. Rodriguez,

I realized that I had not informed you that we have received your application and letter of interest to fill the Board vacancy. Your application and letter of interest will be provided to the full Board this coming Thursday January 28, 2021.

Thank you,

Mark Grajeda, General Manager

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Office: 562-692-3756 Ext 14 | **Fax:** 562-695-5627 | msgrajeda@picowaterdistrict.net

From: Raymond Rodriguez <rmreeguez@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:13 AM
To: msgrajeda@picowaterdistrict.net
Subject: Pico Water District - Board of Directors Application

Hello Mark

Please see attached application for the vacancy on the Board of Directors.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email,

Thank You

Raymond Rodriguez
(714) 269-3250



Pico Water District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION

PAID - REC'D
PICO WATER DIST.

21 JAN 25 PM 1:17

Name: DAVID ANGELO

Service Address: 9133 BRADHURST STREET

Phone: 562-391-8577

Email: david_angelo@verizon.net

Pico Water District Account Number: 22-0601-00

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

Were you ever convicted of a felony? Yes No

Have you ever served on an elected Board? Yes No

In **400 words or less**, please explain why you wish to be considered to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors. Use the space below or include the letter when submitting this application. Please address the following topics in your letter:

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SEE ATTACHED PAGE

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PAID - REC'D
PICO WATER DIST.

21 JAN 25 PM 1:17

January 26, 2021

Board Members of the Pico Water District,

My name is David Angelo and I wish to be considered to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors. I'm a long time resident, 73 years I have been one of the District's clients and its only fitting I seek this opportunity to offer my knowledge and experience to help the District continue on its efforts to provide Pico Rivera with quality water. Forty years now I have maintained an Architectural practice and Construction office in Pico Rivera with projects spread throughout Los Angeles County. My office is versed on identifying problems, creating options for solutions, providing construction drawings and construction services.

To date I feel the most important issue before Pico Rivera is the PFAS treatment system our water faces. I look forward to solving problems and together with the current Board fostering solutions. I have genuine respect and experience with Board Members. My experience with Board member Ramirez dates back 30 years when his son was part of student exchange project I led. Working along with Board Member Caballeros on modifications and expansion of his home. Board Member Martinez was a hardworking member when I was President of the Sister City Committee.

Past leadership positions include, President of the Lion's Club, President of Pico Rivera Sister Committee, member of El Rancho School District's oversight committee and Commissioner of Pico Rivera's Sister City Commission. These positions all work under Roberts Rule of Order and the Brown Act making me well aware of how to conduct a meeting. Born in Pico Rivera and having been served by the Pico Water District all my life, I can attest to its level of service, watched it grow and appreciate its importance. I am ready to contribute my experience as an architect, urban planner, building contractor and community activist to serve Pico Rivera.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'David Angelo'.

David Angelo

David Angelo and Associates

Mark Grajeda

From: Mark Grajeda <msgrajeda@picowaterdistrict.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:19 PM
To: 'david angelo'
Cc: 'accountspayable@picowaterdistrict.net'
Subject: RE: Board of Directors Application

Good afternoon Mr. Angelo,

We have received your application and letter regarding the vacancy on the Board of Directors, it will be provided to the full Board on Thursday January 28, 2021.

Thank you,

Mark Grajeda, General Manager
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Office: 562-692-3756 Ext 14 | **Fax:** 562-695-5627 | msgrajeda@picowaterdistrict.net

From: david angelo <david_angelo@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 1:45 PM
To: msgrajeda@picowaterdistrict.net
Cc: accountspayable@picowaterdistrict.net
Subject: Board of Directors Application

General Manager Mark Grajeda,

Attached please find letter of consideration to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors. A copy of this letter and the application will be left in the drop box outside the District office at 4843 S. Church Street, on Monday January 26, 2021.



Pico Water District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION

21 JAN 28 PM 2:52

Name: Marina L. Martinez

Service Address: 9235 Danbridge St.

Phone: (562) 231-8968 (cell) Email: hrhwawona58@gmail.com

or (323) 559-9860 (cell)
Pico Water District Account Number: #29497401

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

Were you ever convicted of a felony? Yes No

Have you ever served on an elected Board? Yes No

In **400 words or less**, please explain why you wish to be considered to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors. Use the space below or include the letter when submitting this application. Please address the following topics in your letter:

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- What do you perceive is the role of a Director for the Pico Water District?
- What do you know about the District?

I would like to be considered to fill the vacancy on the Pico Water board. I am a retired school teacher and a life long resident of Pico Rivera. I would like the opportunity to serve the people of Pico Rivera in this capacity. I bring experience and an ability to listen to all viewpoints to come to a decision. I believe these are critical attributes for a director or any elected official.

My knowledge of the district is that I know it was formed in 1926 and is a "special" district however I do not understand the use of the word ~~the~~ "special" in this constitution.

In my opinion the Pico Water district faces challenges in the coming years. First, upgrading and replacing water pipes, installing a filtration system to guarantee the safety and purity of our water. Second, keeping our costs

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down and understanding the effects of the pandemic
and support our customers who are experiencing economic
hardships during this time. Lastly, the effects of
global warming ~~are~~ ^{and a} prolonged draught conditions.
How can we mitigate these effects in the years to come?
These challenges must be met with cooperation and
transparency from the Board of Directors if we are
to serve the needs of our customers.

Lorrie Laible

From: Lorrie Laible <accounts payable@picowaterdistrict.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 3:00 PM
To: 'hrhwawona58@gmail.com'
Cc: 'Mark Grajeda'
Subject: Board Vacancy Application

Tracking:	Recipient	Read
	'hrhwawona58@gmail.com'	
	'Mark Grajeda'	
	Mark Grajeda	Read: 1/28/2021 3:13 PM

Ms. Martinez:

I am writing to inform you that we have received your Board of Directors Application and it will be passed on to the Board Members for consideration.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Lorrie Laible

Office Manager

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Office: 562-692-3756 | Fax: 562-695-5627 | accounts payable@picowaterdistrict.net





Pico Water District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION

Name: Susan Weinman

Service Address: 9427 Glencannon Drive, Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Phone: 310-210-5246

Email: laecua@yahoo.com

Pico Water District Account Number: 17-3332-05

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

Were you ever convicted of a felony? Yes No

Have you ever served on an elected Board? Yes No

PAID - RECORD
PICO WATER DIST.
21 JAN 28 PM 3:00

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- What do you feel is the most important issue or issues that should be addressed by this Board?
- How would you work cooperatively with the current Board?
- What do you perceive is the role of a Director for the Pico Water District?
- What do you know about the District?

My name is Susan Weinman, I bought my home at 9427 Glencannon Drive in 2004. I have resided there since that time.

What do you feel is the most important issue or issues that should be addressed by this Board?

There are two pressing issues that are of concern: water contamination and the recent steep consumer water hike. I use the tap water for boiling and cooking. I use the water filter in the refrigerator for drinking. The hard water forms a hard crust on the refrigerator receptacle.

How would you work cooperatively with the current Board? I have been a public school teacher since 1997. I routinely work with other professionals in person and virtually. I am a school leader and train others how to work with others. I give my students the tools to work together. I have over 40 students per class. I was a board member for the Whittier Redskins Football Organization and I briefly served on the El Rancho Unified Bond Oversight Committee.

• What do you perceive is the role of a Director for the Pico Water District? I have a Masters in Public Administration. I hope to use some of that knowledge working in a municipality. I served as a Mayoral intern with the City of Los Angeles. In that position, I worked with contracts and Grants with Los Angeles Police Department. I also worked in the Emergency Management Department. I hope to serve the people of Pico Water District with efficacy.

What do you know about the District? I know we rely on the Central Basin underground aquifer for our water source. I know that water is scarce. I grew up knowing the cycles of El Niño and La Niña. Now the rain is so scarce.

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Lorrie Laible

From: Lorrie Laible <accounts payable@picowaterdistrict.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 3:16 PM
To: 'laecua@yahoo.com'
Cc: 'Mark Grajeda'
Subject: Pico Water District Board Vacancy

Ms. Weinman:

I am writing to inform you that we have received your Board of Directors Application and it will be passed on to the Board Members for consideration.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Lorrie Laible

Office Manager

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PICO WATER DISTRICT**

4843 S. Church Street
Pico Rivera, California, 90660

6:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 3, 2021

AGENDA

7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- B. Consider Selection of a Water Purveyor to Fill the Vacant Seat for the “All Water Purveyors” on the Central Basin Municipal Water District Board. *Recommended Action – that the Board approve the nomination of Mr. Michael Gualtieri*

STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Board of Directors

From: Mark Grajeda, General Manager

Meeting Date: February 3, 2021

Subject: Action Item 7B – Consider Selection of a Water Purveyor to Fill the Vacant Seat for the “All Water Purveyors” on the Central Basin Municipal Water District Board

Recommendation

That the Board approve the nomination of Mr. Michael Gualtieri to fill the open water purveyor seat on the Central Basin Municipal Water District representing “All Water Purveyors”.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Background

Please see enclosed information provided by the Central Basin Municipal Water District staff.



Central Basin
Municipal Water District

6252 Telegraph Road
Commerce, CA 90040-2512
Telephone: (323) 201-5500
www.centralbasin.org

Date: January 12, 2021
To: Central Basin MWD Water Purveyors
Subject: Eligible Candidates for Appointed Central Basin Director

Board of Directors

Division I
Martha Camacho-Rodriguez

Division II
Robert Apodaca

Division III
Arturo Chacon

Division IV
Leticia Vasquez-Wilson

Division V
Phillip D. Hawkins

Director at Large
Noe Negrete

Director at Large
John Oskoui

Director at Large
Vacant

General Manager
Dr. Alejandro Rojas

The Central Basin Municipal Water District (Central Basin) opened nominations for Appointed Directors at the January 7, 2021 Special Purveyor Workshop. Nominated candidates where:

All Cities:	1. Maria Heredia Director of Public Works City of Pico Rivera
All Water Purveyors:	1. Michael Gualitieri General Manager La Habra Heights Water District 2. Steve Bucknam Consultant: Bucknam & Associates

Please return your ballot even if there is only one candidate. A pre-paid return FedEx envelope has been included and is due back to Central Basin no later than Tuesday February 16, 2021.

Results will be opened at a Purveyor Workshop upon receipt of all Voting Ballot forms.

Serving the Cities of

Artesia	La Mirada
Bell	Lynwood
Bellflower	Maywood
Bell Gardens	Montebello
Carson	Monterey Park
Cerritos	Norwalk
Commerce	Paramount
Compton	Pico Rivera
Cudahy	Santa Fe Springs
Downey	Signal Hill
Hawaiian Gardens	South Gate
Hunfington Park	Whittier
La Habra Heights	Vernon
Lakewood	

The Director filling the vacancy will be appointed at a Special Purveyor Workshop after all ballots are counted and certified.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 895-6185 or via email at alexr@centralbasin.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alejandro Rojas
General Manager

**and Unincorporated Areas
of Los Angeles County**



Central Basin
Municipal Water District

Appointed Director's Ballot Schedule

- ***Voting Ballot Forms***

1. District will FedEx Ballot Forms on January 12, 2021 to be delivered to the Purveyor on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.
2. Signature will be required.
3. Upon receipt of the Ballot Forms, Purveyors must return the ballots no later than Tuesday, February 16, 2021, as the 30th day falls on the weekend (Saturday, February 13, 2021).
4. To return the Ballot Form, please use reusable FedEx Envelope. A pre-paid return FedEx slip will be included.
 - Must call FedEx to schedule a pick-up or drop off envelope at designated FedEx Location.
 - Call 1-800-463-3339 and follow automated instructions.
5. Purveyors must return the Ballot Form in a sealed envelope no later than Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Please DO NOT EMAIL.

- ***Results:***

1. Results will be opened at a Purveyor Workshop upon receipt of all Ballot Forms.

- ***Appointment:***

1. The Director filling the vacancy will be appointed at a Special Purveyor Workshop after all ballots are counted and certified.



Central Basin
Municipal Water District

**CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
OFFICIAL BALLOT (SPECIAL DISTRICT)**

This is an official ballot pursuant to Water Code Section 71267 as enacted in Assembly Bill 1794 and will be maintained by the District as a public record. Please cast your vote(s) for the nominated candidate of your choice only for each of the categories for which your agency qualifies under the provisions of that statute; should you have any uncertainty as to which categories for which your agency qualifies, please review Water Code section 71267. Please print clearly or type in providing the information requested, sign, date, and return this ballot to the District at 6252 Telegraph Road, Commerce, California 90040, Attention: Dr. Alejandro Rojas, General Manager.

I am casting this ballot on behalf of _____, a
County Water District, Irrigation District or other Special District.

As a water purveyor of the District, this vote is cast for the following nominated candidate:

- Michael Gualitieri, La Habra Heights Water District
- Steve Bucknam, Bucknam & Associates

I certify that I have the authorization and capacity to act in this regard on behalf of my agency by virtue of (check as many as apply):

- a. an express authorization by a vote of my governing board at a properly noticed public meeting on _____
- b. my position with the agency as _____
- c. my position and authority as set forth in my agency's administrative code and/or a resolution delegating to me such general authority
- d. Other: please describe: _____

Dated: _____

Submitted by:

Name

Title

Signature



Central Basin
Municipal Water District

PAID - REC'D
PICO WATER DIST.

20 NOV -5 AM 9:07

To: Water Purveyors within the Central Basin Municipal Water District

From: Dr. Alejandro Rojas, General Manager of Central Basin Municipal Water District

Date: November 5, 2020

Re: Vacancy for Appointed Director

Effective January 1, 2017, Assembly Bill 1794 directed me to implement the process for seating three representatives of water purveyors on the Board of Directors of Central Basin Municipal Water District. The implementation was completed in February 2017 by appointing one representative from the five largest purveyors, one representative from the cities that is a purveyor, and one representative from all purveyors within the District in accordance with the terms of the law. Enclosed for your information and reference is a copy of AB 1794 together with the rules for filling appointed positions on the Board of Directors of the Central Basin Municipal Water District. As a result of a disagreement during the initial nomination and appointment phase, Assembly Member Cristina Garcia introduced Assembly Bill 591. The bill provides clarification to Assembly Bill 1794, which created a new board governance structure of elected and appointed Board Members. Specifically, the bill defines "representative" as a consultant of an entity, a contractor of an entity, or a board member of an entity that is a mutual water company.

The bill was also amended to align the seating of appointed directors with that of elected directors on the first Friday in December. Additionally, the bill was amended to indicate that a nominee shall be employed by or a representative of the entity that puts forth their nomination. This bill was chaptered into law on July 30, 2019.

Effective, June 29, 2020, Mr. Dan Arrighi submitted his resignation from his position as Director on the Central Basin Municipal Water District Board. This being the case, there is a vacancy where there is a term of office remaining until February 2023. The seat that is up for selection is for:

- A Director to represent all purveyors, the vote of each purveyor shall be weighted to reflect the number of service connections the purveyor has within the District.

Enclosed is a form prepared for your use in making nominations. This form should be signed by the individual who is authorized by your entity to make the nominations and who will be authorized to vote on the nominations submitted. If you chose to not make any nominations, please indicate that decision by placing an "x" by that statement at the top of the form, complete the bottom portion of the form, sign and date the form and return it to our office on or before Tuesday January 5, 2021.

You are entitled to make a nomination for each category of purveyors for which you are eligible to vote. But you are not required to make a nomination for each category. If the person who will

be authorized to vote will be different from the person signing the nomination form, please provide a note on the form indicating who will be authorized to vote on behalf of your entity.

The nominee must not be in an elected office and must have a minimum of five previous years in one or more positions materially responsible for performing services relating to the management, operations, engineering, construction, financing, contracting, regulation, or resource management of a public water system. The nominee must not hold more than 0.5 percent ownership in a company regulated by the Public Utilities Commission.

It is important that you complete and return the nomination form at your earliest convenience. Although the legislation provides for a 60-day nomination period, as soon as I receive ALL nomination forms (not later than 60 days from today's date), I will prepare and send out the ballots.

If you have any questions on the process, please contact me via email at alexr@centralbasin.org or via phone at (323) 201-5548.



Appointed Director's Nomination and Ballot Schedule

- ***Nomination Forms:***

1. District will FedEx Nomination Forms on November 4, 2020 and will be delivered to the Purveyor on November 5, 2020;
2. Signature will be required;
3. Upon receipt of the Nomination Forms, Purveyors must return the nomination no later than Tuesday, January 5, 2021, as the 60th day deadline;
4. To return the Nomination Form, please use reusable FedEx Envelope. A return pre-paid FedEx slip will be included.
 - Must call FedEx to schedule a pick-up or drop off envelope at designated FedEx Location
 - Call 1-800-463-3339 and follow automated instructions

- ***Opening Nomination Forms:***

1. Nomination forms will be opened at a Special Purveyor Workshop upon receipt of all nomination forms.

- ***Voting Ballot Forms:***

1. District will FedEx Ballot Forms after the Nomination Forms have been opened at a Special Purveyor Workshop;
2. Signature will be required;
3. Upon receipt of the Ballot Forms, Purveyors must return the ballot within 30 days to the District.

- ***Results:***

1. Results will be opened at a Special Purveyor Workshop upon receipt of all Ballot Forms.

- ***Appointment:***

1. The Director filling the vacancy will be appointed at a Special Purveyor Workshop after all ballots are counted and certified.



Central Basin
Municipal Water District

SPECIAL DISTRICT PURVEYOR NOMINATION FORM

Nomination(s) for Director(s) of Central Basin Water District

_____, a County Water District, Municipal Water District, or other Special District established pursuant to California State Law, respectfully declines nominating any candidate.

1. On behalf of the _____, I submit the nomination of _____ who has _____ years of relevant technical experience with respect to a public water system to be a Director representing all purveyors within the district pursuant to section 71267 (c)(1)(C) of Assembly Bill 1794. This experience consists of

The nominee above has agreed to serve, if selected. The nominee above does not hold any elected office.

I certify that I have the authorization and capacity to act in this regard on behalf of _____ by virtue of (check as many as apply):

- a. an express authorization by a vote of the Board of Directors at a properly noticed public meeting on _____
- b. my position with the district as _____
- c. my position and authority as set forth in the district's administrative code and/or a resolution delegating to me such general authority
- d. Other: please describe: _____

Dated: _____

Submitted by:

Name

Title

Signature



Assembly Bill No. 1794

CHAPTER 401

An act to add Chapter 1.6 (commencing with Section 71265) to Part 3 of Division 20 of the Water Code, relating to municipal water districts.

[Approved by Governor September 21, 2016. Filed with Secretary of State September 21, 2016.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1794, Cristina Garcia. Central Basin Municipal Water District.

Existing law, the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, provides for the formation of municipal water districts and grants to those districts' specified powers. Existing law permits a district to acquire, control, distribute, store, spread, sink, treat, purify, recycle, recapture, and salvage any water for the beneficial use of the district, its inhabitants, or the owners of rights to water in the district. Existing law requires the board of directors of a district to consist of 5 members and each director to be a resident of the division from which the director is elected.

This bill would require the board of directors of the Central Basin Municipal Water District to be composed of 8 directors until the directors elected at the November 8, 2022, election take office, when the board would be composed of 7 directors, as prescribed. By imposing new duties on the district, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

This bill would make its operation contingent on the enactment of SB 953 of the 2015–16 Regular Session.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1.6 (commencing with Section 71265) is added to Part 3 of Division 20 of the Water Code, to read:

CHAPTER 1.6. CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

71265. For the purposes of this chapter:

- (a) "District" means the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

(b) “Large water purveyor” means a public water system that is one of the top five purveyors of water as measured by the total purchase of potable and recycled water from the district for the three prior fiscal years.

(c) “Public water system” has the same meaning as in Section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

(d) “Relevant technical expertise” means employment or consulting for a total period of at least five years, prior to the date of first appointment, in one or more positions materially responsible for performing services relating to the management, operations, engineering, construction, financing, contracting, regulation, or resource management of a public water system.

(e) “Small water purveyor” means a public water system with less than 5,000 connections.

71266. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (c) and notwithstanding any other provision of this division, the board of directors of the district shall be composed of seven directors as follows:

(1) Four directors, one director elected for each division established pursuant to subdivision (d) by the voters of the division. Each director shall be a resident of the division from which he or she is elected. An election pursuant to this paragraph shall be in accordance with the Uniform District Election Law (Part 4 (commencing with Section 10500) of Division 10 of the Elections Code).

(2) Three directors appointed by the water purveyors of the district in accordance with Section 71267.

(b) The district shall be subject to Section 84308 of the Government Code.

(c) Until the directors elected at the November 8, 2022, election take office, the board of directors shall be composed of eight directors as follows:

(1) Five directors in accordance with Section 71250.

(2) Three directors appointed by the water purveyors of the district pursuant to Section 71267.

(d) The board of directors shall divide the district into four divisions in a manner as to equalize, as nearly as practicable, the population in the respective divisions pursuant to Section 71540.

71267. (a) The general manager of the district shall notify each water purveyor of the district and provide a 60-day period during which the district will accept nominations for appointment of individuals to the board of directors.

(b) Individuals nominated for appointment to the board of directors shall demonstrate eligibility and relevant technical expertise.

(c) (1) The three directors appointed by the water purveyors shall be selected by the water purveyors of the district every four years as follows:

(A) One director shall be selected by all large water purveyors from the nominees of large water purveyors. Each large water purveyor shall have one vote.

(B) One director shall be selected by all cities that are water purveyors of the district from the nominees of cities. Each city shall have one vote.

(C) One director shall be selected by all of the water purveyors of the district from any nominee. The vote of each purveyor shall be weighted to reflect the number of service connections of that water purveyor within the district. If the selection of a director under this subparagraph would result in a violation of paragraph (2), the first eligible candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be selected.

(2) The appointment of directors pursuant to paragraph (1) shall not result in any of the following:

(A) The appointment of three directors that are all employed by or representatives of entities that are all large water purveyors.

(B) The appointment of three directors that are all employed by or representatives of entities that are all cities.

(C) The appointment of three directors that are all employed by or representatives of entities that are all small water purveyors.

(3) Each nominee for director who receives the highest number of votes cast for each office described in paragraph (1) is appointed as a director to the board of directors and shall take office in accordance with Section 71512. The general manager shall collect the votes and report the results to the water purveyors. Votes for an appointed director are public records.

(d) Each appointed director shall live or work within the district.

(e) In order to ensure continuity of knowledge, the directors appointed at the first purveyor selection shall classify themselves by lot so that two of them shall hold office until the selection of their successors at the first succeeding purveyor selection and one of them shall hold office until the selection of his or her successor at the second succeeding purveyor selection.

(f) (1) The term of a director appointed pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) is terminated if the appointed director no longer is employed by or a representative of a large water purveyor.

(2) The term of a director appointed pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) is terminated if the appointed director no longer is employed by or a representative of a city.

(3) The term of a director appointed pursuant to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) is terminated if the appointed director no longer is employed by or a representative of a water purveyor.

(g) (1) An appointed director shall not do any of the following:

(A) Hold an elected office.

(B) Hold more than 0.5 percent ownership in a company regulated by the Public Utilities Commission.

(C) Hold more than one consecutive term of office on the board.

(2) An appointed director shall be subject to all applicable conflict-of-interest and ethics provisions and shall recuse himself or herself from participating in a decision that could have a direct material benefit on the financial interests of the director.

(h) A vacancy in an office of appointed director shall be filled in accordance with the selection process described in subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive.

(i) (1) An appointed director shall be eligible for all of the following:

(A) Reimbursement for travel and conference expenses pursuant to the Central Basin Municipal Water District Administrative Code.

(B) Compensation for up to 10 meetings per month at the per meeting rate provided by the Central Basin Municipal Water District Administrative Code.

(C) Health insurance benefits, if those benefits are not provided by the director's employer.

(2) An appointed director shall not be eligible to receive communication or car allowances. For purposes of this paragraph, "car allowances" does not include travel expenses incurred as described in paragraph (1).

(3) An appointed director may waive the reimbursement and compensation described in paragraph (1) and may be required to reimburse his or her employer for any compensation received.

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

SEC. 3. This act shall only become operative if Senate Bill 953 of the 2015–16 Regular Session is enacted and becomes effective.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PICO WATER DISTRICT
4843 S. Church Street
Pico Rivera, California, 90660**

6:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 3, 2021

AGENDA

7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- C. Discuss the Water Replenishment District's PFAS Remediation Agreement.
Recommended Action – to be considered at the Board Meeting.

STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Board of Directors

From: Mark Grajeda, General Manager

Meeting Date: February 3, 2021

Subject: Action Item 7C – Discuss the Water Replenishment District’s PFAS Remediation Agreement

Summary

In March of 2019, Pico Water District (District) received Order No. 04-07-19M-005-1910125 from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), which was an order requiring the District to begin testing of its wells 5A, 8 and 10 for the presence of Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)/Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS) (collectively called PFAS chemicals) on or before June 30, 2019 and continue to sample quarterly for one year. At the time of receiving the new order from the SWRCB the Notification Level for PFOA was 14 Parts Per Trillion (PPT) and 13 PPT for PFOS; and the Response Level was a combined 70 PPT for both. On August 23, 2019, the SWRCB issued new guidelines which lowered the Notification Levels for PFOA from 14 PPT to 5.1 PPT and PFOS from 13 PPT to 6.5 PPT.

On July 31, 2019 Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 756 (see enclosed), which was a new law that would require any water agency that detects either PFOA or PFOS above the Response Level beginning in 2020 they would need to take significant steps to make sure that all customers are advised of the detection of PFAS chemicals in the water and the dangers associated with the consumption and use of the water. On February 6, 2020, the SWRCB lowered the Response Level (RL) for PFOA to 10 PPT and 40 PPT for PFOS, and stated that until another order was issued by the SWRCB that no further testing would be required by the water agencies as the SWRCB was planning to issue new orders for testing and PFAS compliance with AB 756, some time in 2020. This new guideline issued by the SWRCB significantly lowered the RL for these PFAS chemicals and based on previous testing of the District’s three wells (5, 8 and 10) it was found that only wells 5 and 8 had detection of PFOA above the 10 PPT RL. In an effort to be make sure that all wells had been tested for the detection of PFAS chemicals staff tested well 4 and new well 11.

Based on the detection of PFAS chemicals at or above the RL in some of the District’s wells the Board voted to begin discussion to build treatment systems at wells which had PFAS levels exceeding the RL. On June 3, 2020, the Board voted to hire AKM Consulting Engineers to provide engineering services related to the design and installation of PFAS treatment removal systems. On August of 2020 the SWRCB issued Order DW 2020-0003 a new order (see enclosed) requiring that the District now begin testing all of its wells again for one year and report the detection of

PFAS chemicals on a one-year average (see attached order). On September 30, 2020, the District submitted its application to the Water Replenishment District (WRD) of Southern California's "PFAS Remediation Program" for funding to build our planned treatment systems.

WRD has informed the water purveyors who applied for funding through their PFAS Remediation Program that they would be developing agreements between the WRD and those water agencies applying for funding and hoped to have those agreements sent out by early December 2020. However, due to issues with COVID-19 and other issues the agreements have taken longer than expected. I was recently informed by Diane Gatza the agreement should be out the week of January 25th, therefore I am placing the discussion of this agreement between the WRD and the District on the agenda in hopes that we will receive this item in time to discuss at our February 3, 2021 meeting.



GAVIN NEWSOM
GOVERNOR

JARED BLUMENFELD
SECRETARY FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

State Water Resources Control Board

March 15, 2019

System No. 1910125

Mr. Mark Grajeda
General Manager
Pico WD
4843 S. Church St.
Pico Rivera, CA 90660-2102

**ORDER NO. 04_07_19M_005_1910125
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 116400 ORDER REGARDING SAMPLING FOR
PERFLUOROCTANOIC ACID ("PFOA")/PERFLUOROCTANESULFONIC ACID ("PFOS")**

Dear Mr. Grajeda:

Enclosed is Order No. 04_07_19M_005_1910125 (hereinafter "Order") issued by the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board"), Division of Drinking Water ("Division") to the Pico WD. **Please note that there are legally enforceable requirements associated with this Order.**

The contamination of drinking water systems with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") has become an increasing concern due to the tendency of PFAS to accumulate in groundwater. Scientific studies indicate that exposure to PFAS can lead to significant health effects, especially in women who are pregnant or likely to become pregnant and in children. Of all PFAS compounds, PFOS and PFOA have been the most extensively produced and studied in the United States. Additional targeted testing needs to be completed to further identify the magnitude of the potential issue here in California.

From 2013 to 2015, the federal Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule required all large water systems (water systems serving over 10,000 people) to collect and analyze more than 12,000 drinking water samples for PFOS and PFOA. In addition, some water systems serving less than 10,000 people reported approximately 400 drinking water results for PFOS and PFOA.

In May 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) issued a lifetime health advisory for PFOS and PFOA for drinking water advising municipalities that they should notify their customers of the presence of levels over 70 parts per trillion of total combined PFOS and PFOA in community water supplies. U.S. EPA recommended that the notification of customers include information on the increased risk to health, especially for susceptible populations.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Mark Grajeda

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March 15, 2019

The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) recommends interim notification levels for PFOA (based on liver toxicity, as well as cancer risks) and for PFOS (based on immunotoxicity). Accordingly, on July 13, 2018, after independent review of the available information on the risks, the Division established notification levels at concentrations of 13 parts per trillion for PFOS and 14 parts per trillion for PFOA. These levels are consistent with OEHHA's recommendations.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116400, the Division is issuing the enclosed Order requiring testing for PFOA and PFOS along with all additional analytes using the Division approved testing methodology. As specified in the enclosed Order, your drinking water system sources that are specifically listed in the order are at risk for potential contamination by PFAS due to its proximity to adjacent facilities known to use, produce, or store PFAS. Additional information is provided at:

<http://waterboards.ca.gov/pfas>

Any person who is aggrieved by this Order may file a petition with the State Water Board for reconsideration of this Order. Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml

The Division appreciates the hard work of the Pico WD in maintaining safe drinking water at all times. The information gathered from the enclosed Order will assist the State Water Board in its mission to protect water resources and to address risks to health caused by PFAS in drinking water.

In early April, the Division will provide a webcast training to provide additional information, share guidance, and answer questions. Details will be sent as the training develops.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (818) 551-2022.

Sincerely,



Dmitriy Ginzburg, P.E.
District Engineer
Hollywood District
Division of Drinking Water

Enclosure

Certified Mail No. 7000 1670 0001 0841 6023

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Name of Public Water System: Pico WD

Water System No: 1910125

Attention: Mr. Mark Grajeda

Issued: March 15, 2019

**ORDER REQUIRING THE PICO WD TO SAMPLE FOR PERFLUOROOCTANOIC
ACID ("PFOA")/PERFLUOROOCTANESULFONIC ACID ("PFOS")
CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 116400**

The State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board"), acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water ("Division"), hereby issues Order No. 04_07_19M_005_1910125 (hereinafter "Order") pursuant to section 116400 of the Health and Safety Code to the Pico WD as set forth below:

AUTHORITIES

1. Health and Safety Code section 116400 authorizes the State Water Board, if it determines that a public water system is subject to potential contamination, to order a public water system to conduct periodic water analysis in accordance with conditions specified by the State Water Board. Section 116400 specifies that the water analysis shall be reported on a quarterly basis unless the State Water Board finds that reasonable action requires either more or less frequent analysis.

2. On July 13, 2018, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116455, the State Water Board: (1) established a notification level for perfluorooctanoic acid ("PFOA") at 0.000014 mg/L, and specified EPA Method 537 Rev. 1.1 as the analytical method; (2) established a notification level for perfluorooctanesulfonic acid ("PFOS") at 0.000013 mg/L, and specified EPA Method 537 Rev. 1.1 as the analytical method; and (3) established the response level for both PFOA and PFOS, combined, at 0.000070 mg/L.
3. Health and Safety Code section 116455 requires that within 30 days of a confirmed detection of a contaminant found in drinking water delivered by a public water system for human consumption that is in excess of a notification level set by the State Water Board, the public water system which supplies water directly to the end user shall notify the public water system's governing body and the governing body of any local agency whose jurisdiction includes areas supplied with drinking water by the water system. A local agency means a city and/or a county. If the water system is a water company regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), then the water system shall also notify the Commission.
4. The drinking water system sources specifically listed in this Order are detected for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) or at risk for potential contamination by PFAS due to proximity with adjacent source wells which are known to be contaminated with PFAS, as identified by testing conducted under the federal Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule.

FINDING

Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, the State Water Board determines that the Pico WD is subject to potential contamination from PFOA/PFOS.

DIRECTIVES

THEREFORE, the State Water Board hereby orders that the Pico WD conduct periodic water analysis of PFOA/PFOS as follows:

1. On or before June 30, 2019, collect a sample from the following sources to be analyzed for PFOA and PFOS. Samples shall be collected at least once each calendar quarter thereafter, and not less than for 4 quarters.

Source Number	Source Name
1910125-006	WELL 05A
1910125-009	WELL 08
1910125-011	WELL 10

2. Samples collected pursuant to Directive 1 shall be analyzed using a laboratory accredited by the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) for analysis of PFAS using either EPA Method 537.1 or EPA Method 537 Revision 1.1. The laboratory should conduct a complete analysis for all PFAS analytes under the method for which it is accredited. For EPA Method 537, Rev. 1.1, analysis for 14 analytes should be conducted. For EPA Method 537.1, analysis for 18 analytes should be conducted.
3. Due to concerns regarding contamination of samples by PFAS which may be present in clothing worn, fabric, lotions, sunscreen, food wrappers, etc., extra precaution must be used when collecting samples to avoid false positive results. You must consult with your laboratory to ensure that appropriate sampling protocol is followed. An example sampling protocol for PFAS developed by the Division is attached to this Order.
4. If laboratory analysis detects the presence of PFOA and/or PFOS in any sample above the notification levels, the Pico WD will have an option to conduct a confirmation sample within 30 days of being notified of the result by the laboratory.

If a confirmation sample is collected and analyzed, all results will be averaged within that quarter to determine if the confirmed detection is greater than the notification level. A result below the laboratory method reporting limit will be assigned a value of zero when averaging. If a confirmation sample is not collected, notification pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116455 is required.

5. If a positive result for a source is followed by a result less than the laboratory method reporting limit, a second confirmation sample may be taken by the Pico WD within 14 days of the first repeat sample. A positive initial result will be disregarded if two additional samples do not show the presence of the organic chemical, pursuant to title 22, section 64445.1, subd. (c)(1) of the California Code of Regulations.
6. Notification pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116455 is required if, following the sampling and testing protocols set forth above, there is an exceedance of the notification levels for PFOA and/or PFOS in any of the listed source waters.
7. Notification pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116455 is not required if, following an exceedance of notification levels for PFOA and/or PFOS, the Pico WD submits testing results following the sampling and testing protocols set forth above which shows that, following blending with another source or treatment, the water delivered to the customer does not exceed the notification levels for PFOA and/or PFOS.
8. The results of all analyses conducted pursuant to this Order shall be reported to the Board by the analyzing laboratory using the EDT (Electronic Data Transfer) process in accordance with section 64469 of title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Analytical results shall be reported no later than the 10th day of the month following completion of the analysis.

The State Water Board reserves the right to make modifications to this Order as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Order and shall be effective upon issuance.

SEVERABILITY


The directives of this Order are severable, and the Pico WD shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes the State Water Board to issue a citation or order with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including. The California Safe Drinking Water Act also authorizes the State Water Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the public water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the State Water Board, and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the State Water Board.



Jeff O'Keefe, P.E.
Section Chief
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water



Date



Media Release

State Water Board Updates Guidelines for Testing and Reporting PFOA and PFOS As It Assesses Scope of Problem *Process Begun for Establishing Regulatory Standards*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 23, 2019

Contact: Blair Robertson
blair.robertson@waterboards.ca.gov

SACRAMENTO – The State Water Resources Control Board today announced updated guidelines for local water agencies to follow in detecting and reporting the presence of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) in drinking water. The Board also announced it has begun the process of establishing regulatory standards for these chemicals.

The updated guidelines are part of the Board's comprehensive effort to assess the scope of contamination of drinking water supplies by PFOA and PFOS, chemicals that have been widely used in grease and stain-resistant coatings for consumer products and in firefighting foams. Because of their potential adverse health effects, these chemicals pose an emerging risk to drinking water sources nationwide.

The updated state guidelines lower the current notification levels from 14 parts per trillion (ppt) to 5.1 ppt for PFOA and from 13 ppt to 6.5 ppt for PFOS. The guidelines are based on updated health recommendations by the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA).

Notification levels are a nonregulatory, precautionary health-based measure for concentrations in drinking water that warrant notification and further monitoring and assessment. Public water systems are encouraged to test their water for contaminants with notification levels, and in some circumstance may be ordered to test. If the systems do test, they are required to report exceedances to their governing boards and the State Water Board and are urged to report this information to customers.

In addition to the updated notification levels, the State Water Board announced today it has requested that OEHHA develop public health goals (PHGs) for both PFOA and PFOS, the next step in the process of establishing regulatory standards, known as maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), in drinking water. Other chemicals in the broader group of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) may be considered later, either individually or grouped, as data permits.

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Media Release

The State Water Board is currently conducting a statewide assessment to determine the scope of contamination by PFAS, including PFOA and PFOS, in water systems and groundwater. In the first phase, public water systems were ordered earlier this year to sample about 600 drinking water supply wells located near airports and landfills, where contamination is more likely, and near locations where PFAS was previously found. These chemicals have been used in fire-fighting foams at airports for fire training and response and have also been used in many consumer products that end up in landfills.

Following this initial phase, the assessment will likely focus on sampling water sources near industrial sites and at wastewater treatment facilities. Data collected from the assessment will be made publicly available on the State Water Board's website and used to inform future actions.

While the State Water Board continues to assess the scope of contamination based on initial data reporting from the statewide assessment, the response levels for PFOA and PFOS remain at 70 parts per trillion for the total combined concentration of both contaminants, consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's health advisory level. The response levels will be updated in the fall.

Response levels are nonregulatory, precautionary health-based measures that are set higher than notification levels and represent a recommended level that water systems consider taking a water source out of service or provide treatment if that option is available to them.

AB 756, signed by Governor Newsom on July 31, authorizes the State Water Board to more broadly order water systems to monitor for PFAS and report their detections. Additionally, drinking water sources with PFAS levels that exceed the response level are either to be taken out of service or the water system must provide public notice of the exceedance level. The law takes effect January 1, 2020.

Exposure to PFOA and PFOS can cause adverse health effects, including harmful effects to a developing fetus or infant, immune system and liver effects, and cancer. While consumer products are a large source of exposure to these chemicals for most people, drinking water has become an increasing concern due to the persistence and tendency of these chemicals to accumulate in groundwater.

For more information about PFOA and PFOS, the updated guidelines, and the work the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water is doing to assess the presence of these contaminants in drinking water, [please visit our resources page on these contaminants](#).

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**

ORDER DW 2020-0003-DDW

**GENERAL ORDER REQUIRING MONITORING FOR PER AND
POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES
CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 116378**

The State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board" or "Board"), acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water ("Division"), hereby issues General Order No. DW 2020-0003-DDW (hereinafter "Order") pursuant to section 116378 of the Health and Safety Code, as set forth below:

1. WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 756 (2019-Garcia), approved by the Governor on July 31, 2019 and codified as Health and Safety Code section 116378, authorizes the State Water Board to require public water systems to monitor for per and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS"), in accordance with conditions set by the Board; and
2. WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 116378, subdivision (a) requires a laboratory that has accreditation or certification pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with section 100825) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 101 of the Health and Safety Code perform the analysis of any material required by an order issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116378; and
3. WHEREAS, an order issued pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116378 may apply to an individual public water system, specific groups of water systems, or to all public water systems; and

4. WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116378, Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to an order issued to groups of public water systems or all public water systems; and
5. WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 116378, subdivision (c)(1) states that if monitoring results in a confirmed detection, then a community water system or a nontransient-noncommunity water system must report that detection in the annual consumer confidence report. Section 116378, subdivision (c)(1) further states that unless the water source is taken out of use or new data becomes available to show that the applicable response level is no longer being exceeded, the community or nontransient-noncommunity water system will provide notice of the exceedance of the response level in the water system's consumer confidence report; and
6. WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 116378, subdivision (c)(2) states that in addition to the notice required by subdivision (c)(1), for PFAS with notification levels, a community water system or nontransient-noncommunity water system must report a detection which exceeds the notification level as required by Health and Safety Code section 116455; and
7. WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 116378, subdivision (c)(3) states that for PFAS with response levels where detected levels of a substance exceed the response level, a community water system or nontransient-noncommunity public water system must take the water source out of use, provide treatment or blending of the source, or provide public notification as specified therein; and
8. WHEREAS, among other things, Health and Safety Code section 116455 requires that within 30 days of a confirmed detection of a contaminant found in drinking water delivered by a public water system for human consumption that is in excess of a notification level set by the State Water Board, the public water

system which supplies water directly to the end user must notify the public water system's governing body and the governing body of any local agency whose jurisdiction includes areas supplied with drinking water by the water system. A local agency means a city or county. If the water system is a water company regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), then the water system must also notify the Commission; and

9. WHEREAS, on August 22, 2019, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116455, the State Water Board: (1) updated the notification level for perfluorooctanoic acid ("PFOA") from 0.000014 mg/L to 0.0000051 mg/L, and specified EPA Methods 537.1 or 537 Rev. 1.1 as the analytical methods; (2) updated the notification level for perfluorooctanesulfonic acid ("PFOS") from 0.000013 mg/L to 0.0000065, and specified EPA Methods 537.1 or 537 Rev. 1.1 as the analytical methods; and
10. WHEREAS, on August 22, 2019, the Division requested the development of Public Health Goals (PHG) from the Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) for PFOA and PFOS; and
11. WHEREAS, on February 6, 2020, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116455, the State Water Board: (1) changed the response levels from a total combined PFOA and PFOS concentration of 0.000070 mg/l to 0.000010 mg/L for PFOA and 0.000040 mg/L for PFOS; and specified EPA Method 537.1; and
12. WHEREAS, during the first quarter of calendar year 2019, the State Water Board issued orders to select public water systems requiring monitoring for PFAS in drinking water supplies (2019 PFAS monitoring orders); and
13. WHEREAS, based on the review of the water quality monitoring results received from the 2019 PFAS monitoring orders, the Board has determined that it is necessary to expand monitoring to sources located within the vicinity of the PFAS detections; and

14. WHEREAS, by and through this Order, the State Water Board is exercising its authority under Health and Safety Code section 116378 to require those public water systems listed in Exhibit A to this Order to monitor for PFAS in accordance with the conditions set forth below.

THEREFORE, the State Water Board, by and through its Division of Drinking Water, hereby orders that the public water systems listed in Exhibit A to this Order monitor for PFAS as follows:

1. On or before December 31, 2020, collect a sample from the sources listed in Exhibit A to be analyzed for PFAS. Samples must be collected at least once each calendar quarter thereafter.
2. Samples collected must be analyzed using a laboratory accredited by the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) for analysis of PFAS using EPA Method 537.1. The laboratory must conduct and report a complete analysis for all PFAS analytes under EPA Method 537.1.
3. A PFAS detection is a positive finding of a quantifiable amount above the established detection level requirement for any PFAS analyte tested pursuant to this Order. For the purposes of meeting the requirements in Health and Safety Code section 116378, the established detection level requirement for each PFAS analyte will be identified as the Consumer Confidence Report Detection Level (CCRD). The detection level requirement for each PFAS constituent for which monitoring is required in this Order is identified by the State Water Board and attached to this Order.
4. If a laboratory reports the detection of PFAS in any sample at a concentration greater than the established detection level, the water system will have the option of collecting one or two confirmation samples within 30 days of being notified of the initial detected result by the laboratory.

5. If a PFAS detection is followed by a confirmation sample with a result less than the detection level, a second confirmation sample may be taken by the water system. Both the first and second confirmation samples must be collected within 30 days of the notification by the laboratory of the initial detected sample result. An initial detected result will be disregarded if both confirmation samples do not show the detection of the PFAS contaminant. If no confirmation sample – or only one confirmation sample – is collected, the initial detection must be presumed to be confirmed.
6. If the PFAS detection is confirmed, results of the initial and confirmation samples will be averaged within that quarter to determine if the confirmed detection is greater than the applicable notification level and/or response level. A result below the established detection level will be assigned a value of zero when averaging.
7. If the PFAS detection is confirmed, the detection must be reported in the water system's annual consumer confidence report.
8. If four consecutive quarters of testing results are below those listed on the CCRDL attached, the public water system may submit a request to their DDW District Engineer for a modification or reduction in monitoring.
9. If the results of a PFAS detection are confirmed to exceed a notification level, the water system must report the detection as required by Health and Safety Code section 116455. The section 116455 notification is required within 30 days after the water system is first informed by the laboratory of a confirmed detection of the contaminant that exceeds the notification level. As required by section 116455, if the public water system is a retail water system, then the person operating the retail water system must notify the retail water system's governing body and the governing body of any local agency whose jurisdiction includes areas supplied with drinking water by the retail water system. If the public water

system is a wholesale water system, then the person operating the wholesale water system must notify the wholesale water system's governing body and the water systems that are directly supplied with that drinking water.

10. To determine whether monitoring shows an exceedance of a response level, the water system must calculate a quarterly running annual average (QRAA). The QRAA means the average of sample results taken at an individual source, treatment effluent, or delivered water locations for the identified source during four calendar quarters. The QRAA is re-calculated each quarter using the most recent four quarters of results. A single sample may result in the exceedance of the response level. If any sample would cause the QRAA to exceed a response level, the water source would be deemed to have exceeded the response level. If sampling has just begun and there are less than 4 quarters of results to average, then the other quarters will be considered to have a zero value and the quarterly results would be divided by four. If a system takes more than one sample in a quarter, the average of all the results for that quarter must be used when calculating the running annual average. If a system fails to complete four consecutive quarters of monitoring, the running annual average must be based on an average of the available data by dividing the available data by the number of quarters for which data is available.
11. If any monitoring undertaken pursuant to this Order results in a QRAA of PFAS in the water entering the distribution system that exceeds a response level, the water system must either (1) take the source out of service immediately; (2) utilize treatment or blending; or (3) provide public notification of the response level exceedance. Additionally, the exceedance of the response level must be reported in the annual consumer confidence report.

12. In addition to the sources listed in this Order, public water systems that provide treatment (example, blending, granular activated carbon, ion exchange or reverse osmosis treatment) can also sample the treated or delivered water to determine notification requirements. If treated water or delivered water samples are proposed to be collected, please contact the local DDW district office for input on sampling location and configuration.
13. Public notification for community or nontransient-noncommunity water system that are delivering water exceeding a response level must meet the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 116378 and either take the source out of use or complete the public notification requirements.
14. The results of all analyses conducted pursuant to this Order must be reported to the Board by the analyzing laboratory using the EDT (Electronic Data Transfer) process in accordance with Section 64469 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Analytical results must be reported no later than the 10th day of the month following completion of the analysis.

The State Water Board reserves the right to make modifications to this Order as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications must be issued as amendments to this Order and must be effective upon issuance.

SEVERABILITY

The requirements of this Order are severable, and each public water system listed in Exhibit A must comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes the State Water Board to issue a citation or order with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including. The California Safe Drinking Water Act also authorizes the State Water Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the public water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the State Water Board, and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the State Water Board.



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Division of Drinking Water

August 27, 2020

Date

- Exhibit A – List of Sources Subject to General Order DW 2020-0003-DDW (for DDW Section)
- Exhibit B - Consumer Confidence Report Detection Levels (CCRD)
- Exhibit C – Health and Safety Code Section 116378 Excerpt