

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PICO WATER DISTRICT

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

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