

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 November 4, 2020, 6:04 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 Robert A. Martinez, Director Victor Caballero, and Vice President Lara appeared telephonically and Director Rapisarda appeared electronically, in adherence to social distancing. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District appeared electronically. Members of the public, Ms. Leticia Vasquez Wilson and Ms. Martha Camacho Rodriguez appeared telephonically while Mr. Juan Martinez appeared electronically.

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

Vice President Lara gave the invocation.

President Gonzales inquired if there were any public comments. Ms. Vasquez stated that she is concerned of the costs involved to treat PFOS/PFOA and would like to facilitate a meeting with the District and Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to explore funding opportunities for the District to tie-in to MWD as an alternative to installing their own treatment systems. Ms. Camacho Rodriguez stated that she would like to see the water agencies come together to explore solutions for treating contaminated wells throughout the Central Basin. Mr. Juan Martinez congratulated Vice President Lara on his election to the City Council of Pico Rivera (City) and asked that he consider the conflict of interest of being on the District Board as well and he further stated that he would like to see the District work closer with the CBMWD on bringing clean water to its customers.

President Gonzales proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Martinez made the motion to adopt the Agenda and Director Rapisarda seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the approval of the Consent Calendar. Director Rapisarda made the motion to approve and Director Martinez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Kabbara Engineering proposal providing civil engineering design services for Stephens Street Water Mainline Replacement Project. The General Manager reiterated to the Board that due to the Durfee Grade Separation Project as part of that project some sections of Stephens Street are being repaved and the District should take advantage of replacing its undersized main in this street before the entire street is repaved and a street moratorium is in place. The District has discussed this project with the pipeline contractor working on the Grade Separation and they would be interested in performing this work, therefore staff is requesting that the Board approve the proposal by Kabbara

Engineering to provide the District with construction plans to construct and install a new eight0inch mainline. Time is of the essence as, weather permitting, we have until February to complete the work. After a brief discussion Director Martinez made the motion to accept Kabbara Engineering's proposal for design services for Stephens Street Mainline Replacement Project in the amount of \$29,290.00 and Director Rapisarda seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote of 5 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's report. The General Manager reported that the District is still working Well 11's approval with the Department of Drinking Water, the plaque for the site has been completed and delivered and hopefully will be installed in the next week, leaving it covered until the Board can participate in its unveiling; Staff has worked on the proposed 2021 budget and will be discussing with the various committees over the next couple of weeks with presentation to the Board for approval at the first meeting in December; DeSigio should have their encroachment permit from the City shortly for the Beverly Blvd and Layman projects; Notification to the Whittier Daily News for announcement of the academic scholarship recipients was sent to Bradley Bermont; the City is moving forward with the strip mall behind Norm's Restaurant and no longer considering to close Arma Street.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. Legal Counsel suggested that until the District opens to the public that the full agenda be posted onto the website. He also addressed Mr. Juan Martinez's public comments regarding Vice President Lara's apparent election to the City Council creates an incompatible office and he is aware that he would have to relinquish his position on the Pico Water District Board and that should not be an issue.

The General Manager addressed Ms. Vazquez-Wilson concerns regarding candidate Lara's virtual meeting with City Councilman Tercero, and her quoted \$30 million cost to provide PFAS/PFOA treatment to District facilities. We have currently determined District costs to be approximately \$4-5 million with funding coming from WRD's PFAS Program. He further stated that he is happy to meet with CBMWD and MWD to discuss logistics that would include the total costs of installation and delivery of imported water compared to the cost of groundwater.

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. Gonzales stated there would be a community update meeting on the Beverly Crossing Mall project on November 18, 2020, the same day as the PWD Board Meeting, and if anyone was interested in attending, he would entertain moving the PWD Board Meeting. Director Rapisarda reported on Linda Sanchez's State of the Nation addressing the CARES and HEROES Acts during the pandemic and discussed cyber bullying and the 2020 Census. Director Martinez congratulated and wished Vice President Lara the best on his pending election to City Council and President Gonzales' reelection. Director Caballero thanked President Gonzales as President of the Board and congratulated him on being reelected to the Board and also congratulated Vice President Lara. President Gonzales congratulated Vice President Lara as well. Vice President Lara thanked

everyone for the kind words and support. He also stated that he has complete faith in the Pico Water District Board.

There being no updates for Closed Session by either the General Manager or Legal Counsel, it was cancelled.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:



Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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