

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, December 2, 2020 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 Robert A. Martinez, Director Barbara K. Rapisarda, Director Victor Caballero, and Vice President Lara appeared telephonically, in adherence to social distancing and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District appeared electronically. Director-elect E.A. Pete Ramirez appeared telephonically. There were four members of the public also participating via Zoom.

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

Mr. Ramirez gave the invocation.

President Gonzales inquired if there were any public comments. Ms. Martha Camacho Rodriguez thanked the Board for meeting tonight and is hopeful that good decisions are made regarding the community. Ms. Sara P. Huezo requested that the Board consider action to clean the water of contaminants. Joey from Downey stated that the water in Pico and the surrounding cities is contaminated with PFO and PFA. Ms. Leticia Vasquez Wilson stated that she is concerned about selling contaminated water to Pico customers.

President Gonzales proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Rapisarda made the motion to adopt the Agenda and President Gonzales 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 Martinez made the motion to approve and Director Caballero 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 the proposed 2021 Operating Budget, Organizational Chart and Capital Improvement Projects. The General Manager reviewed the proposed budget and informed the Board that the proposed budget does not take into account any monies applied for with the Water Reclamation District nor any operating costs associated with placing treatment plants for PFOS and PFOA online. He further discussed the Capital Improvement Projects budgeted. Director Martinez made the motion to approve the 2021 Budget and Director Caballero 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, General Manager's report. Well 11 continues to operate well, the District received the Conditional Use Permit from the Health Department to operate the well, the plaque was installed at the site and once the District is able to safely hold a ceremony the Board will be informed; Beverly Blvd. Pipeline Project – J. DeSigio has secured their encroachment permit from the City of Pico Rivera ("City") and are scheduled to begin construction on Friday, December 4th and is scheduled to be completed in February 2021. A

preconstruction meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3rd with the District, DeSigio and the City; The Board meeting on December 16, 2020 will include a public hearing regarding proposed rate increase and action to consider increasing the rates. This request is being made in response to the District's plan to construct treatment sites at 3 wells to treat PFOS and PFOA. AKM Consulting has evaluated the District's need for treatment and is readying the information so bid documents can go out before the end of the year, with the Board accepting a bid proposal by late January or early February; and finally, this is Director Rapisarda's last meeting as a Director. She has been on the Board for 5 years and the District has accomplished many great things during her tenure, including the first well to be drilled in over 35 years. We will miss you and wish you good luck in the future.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. Mr. Ciampa thanked Director Rapisarda and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

Mr. Ramirez also thanked Director Rapisarda for her service and expressed his pleasure of working with her in the past.

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 echoed previous sentiments in thanking Director Rapisarda for her time on the Board. Director Rapisarda stated that it was an honor to serve as a Director on the Board for the last 5 years. She thanked the Board, the General Manager, Legal Counsel and District Staff for their service and hard work during her tenure and wished everyone the best. She insisted that those people who are truly concerned with chemical contaminations to take their concerns to the legislatures in power and look at the entire picture, not just Pico Water District. Vice President Lara also thanked Director Rapisarda for her service, the causes she championed for and her perspective on issues. Director Martinez thanked Director Rapisarda for her service and wished her well on her retirement. He also congratulated Director-elect Mr. Ramirez on his election to the Board.

Closed Session was not held.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:



Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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