

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, February 3, 2021 at 6:01 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.

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

Mr. Ciampa gave the invocation.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. Ms. Leticia Vasquez discussed upcoming appointments to the Central Basin Municipal Water District ("CBMWD") Board.

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

President Gonzales proceeded to the approval of the Consent Calendar. Vice President Caballero made the motion to approve 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 Board appointment to fill Board Vacancy. The General Manager reviewed with the Board the action taken at the January 13, 2021 Board Meeting to fill the Board vacancy created by the election of former Director Andrew Lara to the City of Pico Rivera Council, covering posting of notices, applications/letters of interest, deadline for submittal and consideration of same. Director Martinez reviewed with the Board his criteria for selecting a nominee to fill the vacancy. Director Ramirez reminded those who are not successful for the appointment that this seat will be up for election in two years. Director Martinez made a motion to select David Angelo to fill the Board vacancy, there being no second the motion died. Director Ramirez made a motion to nominate Raymond Rodriguez and it was seconded by Vice President Caballero. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider selection of a Water Purveyor to fill the vacant seat for the "All Water Purveyors" on the Central Basin Municipal Water District Board. The General Manager reviewed the qualifications of the one remaining candidate for the seat, Mr. Michael Gualtieri, General Manager for the La Habra Heights Water District. Director Ramirez made the motion to approve Mr. Michael Gualtieri to the appointment

and President Gonzales seconded the motion. Director Martinez stated he was going to abstain as he is not knowledgeable in the issues regarding CBMWD and their requirement for Board seats. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 3 – 0 – 1, with Director Martinez abstaining.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, discuss the Water Replenishment District's ("WRD") PFAS Remediation Agreement. The General Manager stated this agreement was received late Monday and at Legal Counsel's recommendation, more time is needed to review the agreement therefore this item should be adjourned to the next meeting. Director Ramirez made the motion to postpone this item to the next meeting 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, General Manager's report. J. De Sigio has completed all installation work of the mainline in Beverly Boulevard including extension work that was approved by the Board extending to Beverly Road. All service laterals should be completed by the end of the following week allowing them to begin pressurizing the lines and the line should be active by the middle of February. To date there have been no requests for extras on the extension work, although today they did find some additional concrete within 100 ft. of Beverly Road and old concrete has been found throughout the project due to the number of times the road has been paved and repaved; as soon as Beverly is complete they will move on to the Layman Avenue project and should be completed by the end of March, weather permitting; plans for Stephens Street have been completed and will be sent to Riverside Construction for a cost estimate to be presented to the Board for consideration; bids should go out next week for the purchase and delivery of PFAS treatment vessels, to include a request to purchase the media needed to remove the PFAS chemicals from the water; the District was recognized by ACWA/JPIA for having low loss ratios for claims for liability, property, and workers compensation insurance. The General Manager then addressed the fallacy of comments made during Public Comments and the efforts by the District as well as other water purveyors regarding the removal of PFAS.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. Legal Counsel stated that he will double check the statute raised by Director Martinez, but stated that it does not apply to County Water Districts. Mike Holmes, the Public Water Agencies Group Emergency Preparedness Coordinator will be leaving in the coming months and the new coordinator, Mark Young, will be taking over on April 1, 2021.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's request for future agenda items. Director Martinez requested a discussion item that the Board can take part in preparation of a letter to Senator Bob Archuleta for project funding. The General Manager suggested that the Board be given a copy of correspondence that has already been sent to the senator and revise it from there.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director report on meetings attended. President Gonzales stated that he attended the CBMWD Regular Board Meeting January 2021. Director Ramirez stated that he attended the WRD meeting.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director comments. Director Ramirez asked the General Manager to explain to others who ACWA/JPIA is and the

awards the District received from them. Vice President Caballero asked the General Manager to comment on the projects that were previously presented for funding. President Gonzales echoed Vice President Caballero's concerns. Director Martinez stated that there will be a WRD special presentation on the PFAS Remediation Program Fund Awards at the council meeting scheduled on February 19, 2021.

Legal Counsel stated there would not be a Closed Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:


Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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