

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, March 17, 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 and Vice President Victor Caballero participated telephonically, in adherence to social distancing. Director Raymond Rodriguez and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically. Director Robert Martinez was absent.

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

Director Caballero gave the invocation.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There were none.

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 that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the approval of the Consent Calendar. Director Rodriguez 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 work at Well 11 to set and install an automatic transfer switch to switch from Edison supplied power to emergency backup generator power during a power outage. The General Manager reviewed the staff report submitted to the Board. This is the last step in the construction of Well 11. The District was required to receive pre-approval and follow Air Quality Control Board standards to convert this generator from a mobile generator to a permanent generator. In order to transfer power smoothly in time of a power outage an automatic transfer switch is required and will engage any time it detects a loss of power for 10 seconds. Hunter Electric, who has done substantial work for the District, has submitted a cost proposal for labor and other materials for installation in the amount of \$23,722.84 and the District will purchase and supply the automatic transfer switch panel at a cost of \$10,184.00. After a brief discussion, Director Ramirez made the motion to approve the proposal from Hunter Electric for \$23,722.84 and instruct the General Manager to execute all agreements with Hunter Electric and purchase of transfer switch panel for \$10,184.00 and Vice President Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's report. Beverly Blvd. project – everything is live, all new appurtenances are active and final concrete work is being completed; Layman project – hot tap was performed on the new main, pressure testing is scheduled for Friday the March 19th and if all goes well disinfection will take place on the 22nd and 23rd and should be in service by the end of that week; Durfee Grade Separation project – work was done on the new line in Walnut to New Street and is getting ready to be pressure tested and in service by the end of the week of March 22nd; Riverside Construction came back with a proposal for the Stephens Street work which was outside of what the District believed the cost should be so that project and the Burma Street project will be going out for bid; The District received an extension from IBank to utilize all funds left in the loan by June and should have no problem in doing so.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. Legal Counsel reported that he is still trying to decipher how the state is going to allocate federal funds for utility arrearages as California law has been focused on rent relief. He also participated on a phone conference regarding Federal Earmarks, whose ban was recently lifted, and has reached out to agencies regarding the process and will work with the General Manager to see if we can secure funding from the federal government. Director Ramirez asked if any headway has been made on Assemblywoman Garcia's proposed legislation, and although Legal Counsel stated they have proposed revisions that were receptive, they will have to wait until they see something in print.

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. There were none.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.


David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:


Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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