

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

A Special 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 25, 2021 at 5:08 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 Director Robert Martinez participated telephonically, in adherence to social distancing. Director Raymond Rodriguez and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically. Vice President Caballero was absent.

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

Director Rodriguez gave the invocation.

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

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider approving a Professional Services Agreement with Aqueous Vets for Dual Media Pressure Vessel Systems; and consider Waiver of Bid Procurement Requirements of Appendix H of District Rules and Regulations. The General Manager reviewed the staff report with the Board informing them that there will be two vessels at Wells 5 & 8 and four vessels at Well 11. The proposal also includes PFAS Selective Resin to fill all four Dual Media Vessel Systems for a total cost of \$2,620,644.12. Funding for this work is scheduled to be provided by the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD), which the District has been approved for approximately \$3,000,000, with negotiations continuing. It is the District's goal to have one of the treatment plants operational by the end of 2021 and in order to do so the District is asking that the Board consider waiving the Bid Procurement Requirements of Appendix H of the District's Rules and Regulations as time is of the essence. Aqueous has agreed to provide the District the same price structure as they have the City of Pico Rivera for the pressure vessels and all appurtenances which was approved by the City Council on March 23, 2021 and the same pricing for the treatment media that was offered to San Gabriel Water Company on February 6, 2020. Both entities bid out these requests and the District is confident that Aqueous Vets proposal is the best response the District would get if it were put out to bid. By using the proposals approved by City of Pico Rivera and San Gabriel Water Company the District will save approximately five to eight weeks of this time critical project. AKM Consulting Engineers was hired by the District to complete construction plans and bid specifications for installation of the vessels and those are almost complete. The longer the District waits to act on this the higher the risk of cost increases. Kelsey Hakes, Sales & Development Engineer with Aqueous reiterated what the General Manager had presented and spoke towards cost increases and competitive pricing issues. She further discussed how during this critical time of PFAS testing these are long lead items, almost 20 weeks and time is of the essence. Legal

Counsel spoke to the legality of waiving the District's Bid Procurement Requirements of Appendix H of the District's Rule and Regulations and "piggy backing" on the bid procurement of other agencies. After a brief question and answer period Director Ramirez moved to approve the contract and President Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed 4 – 0.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 5:55 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:05 p.m. and Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel announced that the Board was briefed regarding existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (c), on *City of Signal Hill, et al. v. Central Basin Municipal Water District, et al.*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19ST CP03882. The Board was briefed regarding proposed terms of settlement and no reportable action was taken.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's request for future Agenda items. Director Martinez asked that there be an update on monies available through Senator Archuleta's office.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:



Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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