

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, May 5, 2021 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 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. Director Raymond Rodriguez joined the meeting at approximately 6:05.

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

Director Martinez 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 Director Martinez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that 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 President Gonzales 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. Dominguez Engineering began work on Stephens Street on April 26, 2021 they have gotten through the most difficult part of the project and are not at the intersection of Tobias and Stephens Street and should be to the cul-de-sac on Stephens (end of the road) by April 30th; DeSigio is completely done with the work in both the Beverly Blvd and Layman Avenue projects and Notice of Completions have been filed with the County; upon the completion of Stephens Street we should have finally used up the balance of the I Bank \$5,000,000 loan; at this point Burma has not been scheduled and possibly will need to be discussed with the Finance Committee. District staff met with WRD staff at Wells 5, 8, and 11 to review the District's intent at the sites. Well 11 will require the least amount of work while wells 5 and 8 will require additional well work, wastewater discharge line, and upsize the variable frequency drive. AKM is preparing the RFP for the site work, WRD is requesting construction management and we will need to prepare an engineer's estimate for that. Staff is currently working with Legal Counsel on CEQA requirements. Kabbara engineering is working on the cost for the discharge line. The District did receive a notice from Assemblywoman Garcia's office regarding funding availability from Prop. 68 and we will be looking into that; there also appears to be some monies available through senate budget plan on

drought, safe drinking water, water supply reliability and rate water assistance that we will be looking into.


President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. Legal Counsel stated that the senate has approved \$3.4 billion in funding in their budget process but there still is a way to go to get it signed into law. It includes \$50 million for PFAS treatment on a competitive grant basis; \$1 billion has been appropriated for utility arrearages but currently unsure how that will be distributed. Legal Counsel reviewed with the Board the legislative handout included in the agenda packet. Legal Counsel concluded his review by taking questions from the Board.

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 stated that he listened to CBMWD Board Meeting.

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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