

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 19, 2021 at 6:04 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 Rodriguez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Ramirez gave the invocation.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) Board member Leticia Vasquez Wilson stated that CBMWD has filed a lawsuit against her and accused Mr. Grajeda of instigating that action, and requested that the District's directors discuss this matter with Mr. Grajeda, and further alleged that the District has done nothing to inform its customers about PFAS chemicals detected in the water the District provides to its customers. Mr. Grajeda responded to all allegations in his General Manager's Report, below.

President Gonzales proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Martinez made the motion to adopt the Agenda and Director Ramirez 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 Martinez 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 proposal from General Pump Company for improvements to Wells 5 and 8 due to the construction of the ne PFAS Treatment Plants. The General Manager reviewed the staff report with the Board and AKM Engineering's (AKM) recommendation regarding motor and pump improvements to Well #5 to increase capacity should there be a drop in water level and replacing Well 8's food grade oil lubrication system with a water flush system. District staff received cost estimates from General Pump Company in the amount of \$95,100 for Well 5 and \$95,040 for Well 8. The District will be submitting these invoices to the Water Replenishment District (WRD) as part of reimbursements from the PFAS Remediation Program. After a brief question and answer session Director Martinez

made the motion to approve General Pump's cost estimates in the amount of \$95,100 for Well 5 and \$95,040 for Well 8 and direct the General Manager to execute all documents related to the projects. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, upgrade the Variable Frequency Drive at Well 5. The General Manager reviewed the staff report with the Board and explained the need to upgrade the 150 HP Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) to a 200 HP VFD due to the fact that the District is making additional improvements to Well 5 for PFAS treatment. Tess Electric submitted the lowest proposal at a cost of \$28,233 excluding taxes, freight, and payment bond which will be billed as a pass-through to the District. Funding for this project will be submitted to the WRD PFAS Remediation Program. After a brief question and answer session Director Ramirez made the motion to accept Tess Electric's proposal in the amount of \$28,233 and approval of a \$25,000 budget for the replacement of approximately 150ft of electrical wire from the VFD to the well motor and direct the General Manager to execute all documents related to the project. Director Martinez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Surplus Water Rights Lease between the District and Orchard Dale Water District for Water Year 2021/2022. The General Manager explained to the Board that Orchard Dale has requested 500 AF of surplus water from the District to be used in the 2021/2022 Water Year in the amount of \$180 AF. Director Martinez made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Director Ramirez. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Surplus Water Rights Lease between the District and Virginia Country Club for Water Year 2020/2021. The General Manager explained to the Board that Virginia Country Club has requested 100 AF of surplus water from the District to be used this Water Year in the amount of \$180 AF. Director Ramirez made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Director Rodriguez. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's report. Stephens Street - Dominguez General Engineering has pressure tested and disinfected the new line, bacteriological testing has been completed, once negative test results are received the line will be placed into service and customer service lines will be connected; District staff met with Purolite, the company providing the District with the Ion Exchange resin for the PFAS treatment vessels, and explained how the system would work; the District received their share of grant funds for the automated meter program with Gateway Water Management. The General Manager categorically denied having any conversations with Alex Rojas, General Manager of CBMWD, regarding filing of any lawsuit against Leticia Vasquez, and further stated that the District has informed all of its customers directly and through newsletters of the detection of PFAS in the District water, also the new order from the Department of Drinking Water in 2020 stated that the District was to test its water quarterly and, if after averaging for 4 quarters the District is above a Response Level for PFOS or PFOA then we are to notify all of our customers – we have not been

over the response level, also our Consumer Confidence Report will be out shortly and will include the detection of PFAS in our water.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. Regarding AB 1195 – Christina Garcia’s bill, both the General Manager and Legal Counsel attended a phone call last week, there are a number of stakeholders including the State Water Board and LAFCO who have submitted proposed amendments. Ms. Garcia is in the process of reviewing them and melding them together; the bill currently is in the Assembly Appropriations Committee it appears there is not much hope of support for it.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director’s request for future agenda items. Director Martinez requested an update on the District’s Prior Rights issue.

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. Director Martinez as far as his records show he feels that the District has been on top of the PFAS issue and has notified its customers as required.

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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