

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, June 2, 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, Director Robert Martinez, and Director 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 6:07 p.m.

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

Mr. Jim Ciampa 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 Rodriguez 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, 5 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the approval of the Consent Calendar. Director Rodriguez 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, consider proposal from Kabbara Engineering to design construction plans and bid specifications to install a wastewater discharge line for Well 5A in the amount of \$18,502. The General Manager informed the Board that the Health Department has required the installation of wastewater discharge lines at all well sites that will have PFAS treatment facilities. A wastewater discharge line was installed at Well 11 during construction and the cost to engineer a discharge line at Well 8 was within the General Manager's purchasing authority. However, the work required at Well 5A is more complicated and more extensive therefore more costly. After some discussion by the Board Members Director Ramirez made the motion to approve the proposal from Kabbara Engineering in the amount of \$18,502 and President Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote of 5 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Burma Road bid proposal Alternate B Bid Item. The General Manager stated that the Board previously approved a bid by Dominguez General Engineering ("Dominguez") in the amount of \$108,180 for work on

Burma Road from Bequette Avenue to Rosemead Blvd but not the Alternate Bid item B, which was also submitted in Dominuez's proposal and submitted for work called out to install a six-inch line in two private side streets (669 linear feet of six-inch main for both streets). Staff was now proposing that the Board consider approving the installation of one-half of the 669 linear feet, approximately 334 ft., at a cost of approximately \$40,812. After a brief discussion Director Ramirez made the motion to approve Dominguez's Alternate B Bid in the amount of \$40,812 and material cost from S & J Supply Co, Inc. in the amount of \$57,000. Vice President Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote 4 – 1 – 0, with Director Martinez voting "no".

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's report. The General Manager reported that Stephens Street Pipeline Project now has all services connected to the new main, the line is fully functional and have completed the tie-ins to Church and Tobias Streets. Next, they will make tie-ins to Passons Blvd. and Durfee off of Stephens Street and then they will be done and ready to move on to Burma Road; A hydrant was hit over the holiday weekend off Tobias and Bartolo; We have presented WRD with hard costs from AKM and AqueousVets, projected engineering costs, and speculated costs for SCADA and site work for PFAS treatment plant expenses; lastly, the General Manager will be off for a few days, returning on June 9, 2021.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. There is quite a bit of uncertainty as to what is going to happen on June 15, 2021 with the reopening of the state. There has not been a lot of clarity on the effect Executive Orders that are currently in place. Currently, it appears the Brown Act Executive Order for virtual meetings will not be lifted on June 15, 2021 and the Governor will be giving public agencies advance notice in order to prepare for a return to in-person meetings; May 21, 2021 was the deadline for bills to advance from the appropriations committee. Some of the bills opposed by the water industry have been held in the appropriations committees of both houses. SB 223, the Service Termination Bill, was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee, AB 1434 reducing indoor water use efficiency standards was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. AB 377 which would alter and restricted the ability of the State and Regional Boards to have flexibility in enforcing water quality and discharge standards was also held in the Appropriations Committee. Those bills are likely to be dead for this session, but may be reinvigorated after the new year; Several bills were amended - AB 339, a Brown Act bill that would have required agencies to translate and interpret their agendas and meetings now only applies to cities and counties with population requirements; SB 222, the Low Income Rate Assistance Program statewide, was amended and conditioned on a funding source either through the State budget or another statute; AB 361, a Brown Act bill allowing teleconferencing when there is a statewide of emergency; SB 323, establishing 120 day statute of limitations for Prop 218 challenges has moved out of the Senate and into the Assembly; AB 1195, Christina Garcia's bill, was amended and has passed onto the Senate, it outlines member jurisdictions and there will not be direct oversight of Central Basin Municipal Water District but they will have the authority to request an audit or financial review of CBMWD or any other agency receiving state funding, and there is a pilot program in place that if any consolidations or dissolutions requested will be run through LAFCO.

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. Director Ramirez stated on June 1, 2021 there was a presentation at CBMWD regarding Lake Tahoe and Lake Mead and water levels.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director comments. There were none.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 6:59 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:24 p.m. and Legal Counsel stated that Closed Session was held under Government Code Sec. 54956.9 (d) 4, regarding anticipated litigation. The Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of that matter and no reportable action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:


Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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