

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 16, 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 Director Victor Caballero participated telephonically, in adherence to social distancing. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically. Director Raymond Rodriguez was absent.

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

Vice President 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 Martinez requested that Item 12A Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation be pulled from the agenda and made a motion to approve the Agenda without Item 12A and Vice President Caballero seconded the motion. Legal Counsel announced that the motion did not pass by roll call vote 2-0-2, with Director Ramirez and President Gonzales abstaining. Vice President Caballero then made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted and President Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by a vote of 3-1-0, with Director Martinez voting no.

President Gonzales proceeded to the approval of the Consent Calendar. The General Manager informed the Board that staff did not receive the May 2021 Financial Statements as anticipated and would need to pull that item, 6B, from the Consent Calendar and will come back to the Board on July 7, 2021. Vice President Caballero made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar without Item 6B – May 2021 Financial Statements and President Gonzales 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, consideration and possible adoption of Resolution No. 214-R Restating the Policy Regarding Director's Travel and Expense Reimbursement. The General Manager stated that the Board visited this a couple of years ago and did not take action. The matter was brought to the Administrative Committee who suggested the following changes: In addition to the current Board approved Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) and a Water Replenishment District (WRD) or approved substituted function, that Board members be allowed to attend one CBMWD function, one WRD function and one additional function per month that would include a second CBMWD or WRD meeting or a Los

Angeles County Sanitation District function or a City of Pico Rivera Council Meeting; it also includes an increase in Board and Staff lodging from \$200 per night to \$300 per night; and increases meal expenses for lunch from \$25 to \$30 and dinner from \$40 to \$50. After a brief discussion Director Ramirez made the motion to adopt and Vice President Caballero seconded the motion to adopt. The General Manager announced the motion passed by a vote of 3-1-0, with Director Martinez voting no.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's report. The General Manager informed the Board that the Stephens Street project is finished and punch list items are being completed and are awaiting a walk through with the City of Pico Rivera for their approval; WRD was contacted again on this date regarding the PFAS Remediation Project Agreement and we are still waiting for them to submit it for Legal Counsel review; a letter was submitted to Assemblywoman Garcia for PFAS funding; we will be submitting a similar letter to Senator Archuleta's office to include PFAS along with additional funding for meters and pipeline work.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. Legal Counsel informed the Board that he received a revised draft of the Cal-OSHA Standard stating that fully vaccinated employees would not be required to wear masks if other non-vaccinated employees were among them and employers will be required to enforce and supply face masks for non-vaccinated employees indoors and in vehicles; the Governor issued a new Executive Order regarding the service termination moratorium to end on September 30, 2021, potentially allowing Districts to begin shutoffs for non-payment on October 1, 2021; the Brown Act suspension extends teleconferencing rules until September 30, 2021 at which time it will "sunset" and Districts will have to go back to in person meetings and follow the Brown Act requirements regarding postings at the sites where individuals will be teleconferencing from. Director Ramirez inquired about AB 1195 and Legal Counsel informed the Board that State Water Board has moved away from direct oversight over CBMWD and WRD by an appointed commissioner and instead will work cooperatively with WRD on their needs assessment for small water systems in the Central Basin, there has been changes that would enhance and increase the role of Los Angeles County LAFCO in any consolidation or dissolution of water systems in the Central Basin, there has been clarification that the bill would only apply to Central Basin area and not the West Basin area, there are other amendments being worked on, no one has come out in favor or support of this bill and the consensus is that there isn't anything in this law that the State Water Board can't already do, and out of all these water systems that this is directed towards to assist them none of them are listed as "at-risk" in the Water Boards needs assessment.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager asked that the Board look at the production and water level reports and noted that our water table levels have not dropped significantly and have stayed pretty solid, moving rather slowly.

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, Board Member Comments.

There were none.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 6:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:55 p.m. and Legal Counsel stated that Closed Session was held under Government Code Sec. 54956.9 subdivision (d)4, regarding anticipated litigation. The Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of that matter and no reportable action was taken.

Director Ramirez stated that he received the District's Newsletter and thanked the General Manager and staff for positive information regarding the District's activities.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

  
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David R. Gonzales, President

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Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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