

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, July 21, 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. Director Raymond Rodriguez and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically.

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

Director Rodriguez gave the invocation.

President Gonzales proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Martinez made the motion to approve the agenda and President Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by a roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

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

President Gonzales proceeded to the approval of the Consent Calendar. Director Ramirez made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar and Director Martinez 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, Public Hearing Regarding Proposed New Capacity Charge and opened the Public Hearing. The General Manager explained that the Board voted at the July 7, 2021 Board Meeting to move forward with the new Capacity Charge and the District posted Notice of Public Hearing in the Los Angeles Times newspaper on July 10, 2021 and July 15, 2021 as required. Mr. Erik Helgeson with Bartle Wells Associates was present electronically to review their findings from the Capacity Charge Study. Legal Counsel reviewed the legal requirements for publication, access to the study and rational basis of the fees. He furthered explained, ongoing the District is required to hold these funds in a separate account and report annually what these funds were used for. As allowed, the District also included an automatic increase based on the Engineering News Record annual cost increases in order to eliminate having to complete a study any time an increase is required. These fees are being approved via Resolution and will go in effect immediately. There were no public or Board member comments. President Gonzales then closed the public hearing.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider approving Resolution No. 216-R – Adopting New Capacity Charges and Approval of Capacity Charge Study by Bartle Wells Associates. Director Martinez made the motion to approve the Capacity Charge

Study and adopt the new Capacity Charges and Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's report. The General Manager informed the Board that Dominguez Engineering began work on the Burma Road project on July 12, 2021 and have installed all mainline and most of the service lines. They should be able to begin disinfecting and pressure testing the lines the week of the July 26, 2021 and turning everyone over the latter part of the week and should be finished by August 10, 2021; we received notification by the City of Pico Rivera of a 255-unit development in our service area and staff will be speaking with our engineer and legal counsel regarding it; he also informed the Board that he would be off Thursday, July 29, 2021 and will return on Tuesday, August 3, 2021; staff will assist Directors with filing of Form 470; he also informed the Board that the District will end the voluntary cessation of the billing and collection of delinquent fees and will begin sending delinquent notices with the delinquent charges this month.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel report. Legal Counsel reported that the State is in the process of finalizing the legislation for the \$1 billion in water bill relief money, run through the State Water Board – they have until January 31, 2022 to provide those funds; the service termination moratorium set to expire September 30, 2021 – the State Water Board said that agencies cannot begin their pre-shutoff notification without jeopardizing their ability to receive funds under the water bill relief plan.

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. Director Martinez thanked the General Manager and Legal Counsel on their participation with the Capacity Charge Study. Director Ramirez stated that he attended Central Basin Municipal Water District meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:



Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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