

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, September 15, 2021 at 6:02 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, , 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.

Director Rodriguez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Martinez gave the invocation.

President Gonzales proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Martinez made the motion to approve the agenda and Director Ramirez 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 Martinez made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar 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 Approving the Agreement (Agreement) between the Pico Water District (WRD) and the Water Replenishment District for Grant Funding provided under the Water Replenishment District's PFAS Remediation Program. The General Manager reminded the Board that at the last meeting Board members and the General Manager from WRD attended and stated that if the District needs a waiver for additional funding it would be attached to the Agreement and would have to be approved by WRD's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). That meeting was held on September 15, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. and the TAC voted 4 – 0 – 2, with 2 abstentions, to recommend to provide additional funding for the PFAS Program. The WRD Board is scheduled to vote on this matter on September 16, 2021. With that in mind it is staff's recommendation to table this matter until WRD has taken action on the matter and then hold a special meeting to approve WRD's Agreement. Director Ramirez extended his appreciation to the General Manager and Legal Counsel for their efforts to review and revise the Agreement. After a brief discussion Director Martinez made the motion to table this matter to a later date and President Gonzales 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, discuss the Draft 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) – Oral Report. The General Manager reviewed the staff report with the Board and discussed the history of the report, the state requirements for submitting the report, and although there is no penalty for not submitting a UWMP should the District seek any grant funding from the state or federal government it will not receive funds until it has provided and updated UWMP. The District's draft report is now complete and staff is preparing for scheduling and noticing for a public hearing on this matter.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Comments. The General Manager reported that the District has received their share of attorney fees in the amount of \$6,205.95 for the Central Basin Municipal Water District Fixed Meter Charge litigation and stated that he will be on vacation beginning September 24, 2021 and will return on October 4, 2021. The Board requested a copy of the Whittier Daily News article.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Comments. Legal Counsel stated that the state's arrearage program is in full swing and the survey period has ended and should be adopting final guidelines at their meeting September 22 – 23, 2021 and the application process should open up approximately the second week of October; the Executive Order that suspends the Brown Act teleconferencing requirements was set to expire on September 20, 2021, legislation has passed both houses, and is awaiting the Governor's approval, that will allow teleconferencing meetings to continue as long as there is a state of emergency, with requirements that the Board will need to comply with.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's Request of Future Agenda Items. There were none.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. President Gonzales stated that he did contact Congresswoman Sanchez's office and invited staff to attend a board meeting.

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

The Board retreated to closed session at 6:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

Legal Counsel announced that there were some technical difficulties with the Zoom link and Directors Martinez and Ramirez were dropped off the call. Based on those technical difficulties no Closed Session was held and since that time Vice President Caballero has left the meeting so not quorum exists. No action was taken on item #16 and that matter will be continued until the next Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

  
David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:

  
Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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