

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, October 20, 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. 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 Pete Ramirez joined the meeting at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Director Caballero led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Martinez 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 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 approval of the Consent Calendar. Director Rodriguez 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 opened the Public Hearing regarding Adoption of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) & Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) at 6:07 p.m. The General Manager introduced Jeff Helsley, Engineering Manager and Stan Chen, Project Manager of Stetson Engineers, Inc. who will discuss and answer questions regarding the preparation of the District's 2020 UWMP & WSCP. Mr. Helsley reviewed the requirements for the UWMP, the components of the UWMP and key findings of the UWMP. SB X7-7, passed by the legislature in 2009, set conservation guidelines for water districts and the District was in compliance with those guidelines. With regard to the WSCP, although it is covered in the UWMP, the District is required to act on it and approve it separately from the UWMP. It outlines the measures the District will take in times of drought. A question-and-answer session followed.

President Gonzales closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Approving Resolution 217-R adopting the Pico Water District 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. Director Ramirez made the motion to approve 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, consider approving Resolution No. 218-R adopting the Pico water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Director Ramirez made the motion to approve and Director Martinez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll call vote, 5 – 0.

The General Manager thanked Mr. Helsley and Mr. Chen for their work.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider approving Resolution No. 219-R Proclaiming a State of Emergency persists, ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom, and authorizing remote teleconference meetings. Legal Counsel stated that AB 361 was signed by the Governor as an urgency measure and took effect October 1, 2021. It requires the Board to adopt a resolution within 30 days after a Board meeting and again every 30 days thereafter making certain findings regarding the need for teleconferencing to protect the public health and safety. Director Ramirez made the motion to approve and Director Martinez 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 Comments. The General Manager reported that on October 18, 2021 staff sent out an RFP for the wastewater discharge line for Well 8 and should have back for the Board to consider at the second meeting in November; on October 19, 2021 an RFP went out for the site work to install the concrete pads needed to place the new treatment vessels at Wells 5A, 8 and 11 and is scheduled to be returned November 17, 2021 and would be presented at a Special Meeting being scheduled for November 23, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Comments. Legal Counsel stated that the Public Water Agencies Group has hired Alex Statin, from Irvine Ranch Water District, as the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator to replace Mike Holmes beginning November 1, 2021.

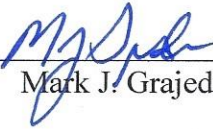
President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's Request of Future Agenda Items. There were none.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. The General Manager asked if any Board Members are interested in attending the ACWA Conference at the end of November in Pasadena to please let him know.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:


Mark J. Grajeda, Board Secretary

