

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, November 3, 2021 at 6:035p.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 participated telephonically, in adherence to social distancing. Director Raymond Rodriguez and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically. Vice President Caballero joined the meeting telephonically at 6:07 p.m.

President Gonzales led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Rodriguez 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 approve the agenda and Director Martinez 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. Vice President Caballero 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, consider Action to Ratify the Correction of Resolution Numbering for Resolutions 217-R, 218-R and 219-R. The General Manager explained when the Board took action on the Resolutions for the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) and the Proclamation of a State of Emergency (SOE) staff inadvertently pulled a resolution number that had previously been used, therefore resulting in those resolutions being approved one number off. Director Martinez made the motion to approve renumbering the UWMP Resolution to 218-R, the WSCP to 219-R and the SOE to 220-R 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 next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager stated that staff had requested RFPs from 4 contractors for the on-site work for the PFAS treatment plants at Well 5A, Well 8 and Well 11. Following an on-site job walk staff forwarded addendums to the RFP for work that the proposals will now be returned on November 23, 2021 instead of November 17<sup>th</sup>; at the November 17, 2021 meeting there will be a proposal for

the wastewater discharge line for Well 8 along with a Special Meeting on November 23, 2021 to approve the 2022 Budget; a draft press release regarding PFAS treatment has been provided to the Board and comments are encouraged; the District will be sending out notification letters to our customers regarding current response detection levels of PFOA in our water. After four quarters of testing our PFOA level is at 12 parts per trillion. Staff will contact the Profile to see about publishing the press release.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Comments, there were none.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. Legal Counsel reviewed the Final Legislative Report for the 2021 Legislative Year. This a recap of 2-year bills that have been signed into law, some that have been vetoed, and others that have not moved forward. AB 339 – a Brown Act Bill with translation requirements for meetings and has been vetoed by the Governor; AB 602 – regarding impact fee, the bill was passed into law as amended and no longer applies to connection fees or capacity charges; AB 361 – a detailed summary of the State of Emergency proclamation that the Board recently voted on; AB 703 – another Brown Act bill that would eliminate the need to post notices as all teleconferencing locations, is pending and will be brought back in the next Legislative session; AB 1195 – creation of the Southern California Los Angeles County Regional Water Agency it currently is stalled and rumor is that it may not come back next session; AB 1200 – a PFAS bill related to the distribution, selling or offering for sale any food packaging that contains intentionally added PFAS chemical and was signed into law; AB 1500 – a bond bill that is pending on the Assembly floor and should be back next session; SB 52 – declares public safety power shutoffs to be emergencies and allows districts to run emergency generators beyond the 200 hour AQMD limitation and was signed into law; SB 222 – creates a statewide low income rate assistance program was moving forward but stalled as they were unable to identify a funding source and is now likely to be a 2-year bill; SB 223 – is a follow on to SB 998 for water service terminations that would increase the days delinquent from 60 days to 90 days and reduce the past due balance from \$400 to \$250 for termination of service. This bill was held in the Senate Appropriations committee and is likely dead; SB 274 – a Brown Act bill would allow agencies to email a copy of or provide a website link to the agenda or a copy of all documents to any person that requests the items be delivered electronically, this bill was signed into law; SB 323 – provides a statute of limitations for Prop 218 challenges to new water rates adopted after January 1, 2022 to 120 days and was signed into law. Legal Counsel then answered questions.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's Request of Future Agenda Items. President Gonzales would like to discuss drafting letters to the Legislature to request additional PFAS funding based on the money that has been set aside by the state.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:



Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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