

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 17, 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 Raymond Rodriguez, Director E.A. Pete Ramirez, Director Robert Martinez and Vice President Victor Caballero participated telephonically, in adherence to social distancing. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically.

Director Ramirez 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 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. 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, consideration and Possible Rejection of all bid proposals to Install a New Waste Water Discharge Line at Well 8. The General Manager informed the Board that the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) requires that the District install a waste water discharge line to be utilized by the PFAS Treatment Plant. The District received bid proposals from 3 separate contractors, Brkich Construction, Doty Bros and Dominguez General Engineering. All three bid proposals were double the cost that was estimated by the District's engineering firm Kabbara Engineering. It was recommended that the Board reject all bids and staff will re-evaluate the scope of work to see if the workload can be reduced in order for the District to re-bid the project. After a brief question and answer period Director Martinez made the motion to reject all bids and Director Ramirez 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, Discuss Governor Newsom Signing of the Climate Resilience Package. The General Manager stated that this item was requested by President Gonzales as a discussion item on a future agenda. He further suggested that the District write a letter of appreciation to the District's legislative representatives thanking

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager stated bids for the PFAS Treatment Facility On-Site work at Wells 5, 8, and 11 will be returned on December 6, 2021; staff solicited 4 auditing companies and 2 responded; there will not be a Special Meeting on November 23, 2021; Legal Counsel is unavailable for the next scheduled Board Meeting on December 1, 2021 and we will be cancelling that meeting and moving it to December 2, 2021; The Engineering Committee met on November 16, 2021 to discuss the 2022 CIP Budget and recommended going forward; There is an Administrative Committee meeting on November 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss salary survey and COLA increase; Planning a Finance Committee Meeting the week of November 22, 2021 to review the 2022 Budget and then present the Budget to the Board at the December 2, 2021 meeting; A hydrant was hit on Jackson Avenue at approximately midnight on November 9, 2021; The press release for the WRD PFAS Treatment Remediation Program has been completed for release to a number of new media, radio stations and the Profile for the City of Pico Rivera; he concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

President Gonzales proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Comments. Legal Counsel announced that Lagerlof, LLP will be hosting an event on December 1, 2021 at the Hyatt in Pasadena during the ACWA conference and wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

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. Director Ramirez stated that he attended the Central Basin Municipal Water District meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



David R. Gonzales, President

Attest:



Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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