

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PICO WATER DISTRICT

A Special 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, December 22, 2021 at 4:33 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 Pete Ramirez. Director Robert Martinez, Director David Gonzales, Director Victor Caballero and Vice President Raymond Rodriguez participated telephonically, in adherence to social distancing. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically.

President Ramirez asked for a few moments of pause in honor of Mr. Willard Murray, Director at Water Replenishment District (WRD) who passed on December 20, 2021.

President Ramirez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Martinez gave the invocation.

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

President Ramirez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Martinez made the motion to approve the agenda and Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by a roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider proposals for the PFAS Treatment Systems at Wells 5A, 8 and 11. The General Manager read the staff report to the Board for their consideration regarding the high costs received from the two bids. The General Manager stated that although the District sent out RFPs to four qualified contractors, the District only received two bids. He also stated that he had consulted with other water agencies performing the same type of work to see what they were experiencing regarding increased bid costs, and all were stated that they were also experiencing higher bid costs. After a brief discussion Vice President Rodriguez made the motion to approve the proposal from R.C. Foster in the amount of \$2,235,000.00 and Director Martinez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

Legal Counsel wished everyone a Merry Christmas and exited the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. President Ramirez thanked Director Gonzales for the job he did as President and requested that Vice President Rodriguez give the Invocation at the January 5, 2022 meeting. He further wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.


Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:


Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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After the meeting had adjourned, District staff was contacted by Director David Gonzales, who stated that he had participated in the meeting via Zoom for the entire meeting, and could hear all of the proceedings. However, due to a technical issue, he was not able to unmute himself and cast his vote on any item. For the record, Director Gonzales wanted to state that he would have voted in favor of all items on which votes were taken at the meeting.