



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, February 16, 2022 at 5:32 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 and Shawn Harkness from CV Strategies participated electronically.

Vice President Rodriguez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Caballero 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. Vice President Rodriguez made the motion to approve the agenda and Director Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by a roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar. Director Gonzales made the motion to approve and Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Approval of the General Manager Job Description, Salary Range, and Job Announcement. The General Manager informed the Board that Shawn Harkness with CV Strategies was joining the meeting as he is working on the job announcement flyer. He also reviewed the exhibits attached to the staff report for clarification. After a brief discussion, Director Martinez made the motion to approve the Exhibit B General Manager Job Description and Salary Range and Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote 5 – 0. Mr. Harkness reviewed with the Board the draft job announcement flyer and their goal in presenting information to qualified candidates. After a brief discussion direction was given to the

General Manager and CV Strategies for moving forward with the job announcement flyer along with a timeline of 30 days for an application period.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Proposal from Dominguez General Engineering to Install a Wastewater Discharge Line for Well #8. The General Manager reminded the Board that when this job was originally bid the proposals came back well over the engineer's estimate of \$41,000.00. The District rejected those bids and rebid the work as optional in the bids for the PFAS Treatment site work and those bids came back well over \$100,000 each. Since then, we have removed the discharge line option from the Well #8 treatment facility work. Staff is requesting that the discharge line work be sole-sourced to Dominguez General Engineering who has been a trusted contractor with the District for many years, have responded to many after-hours emergency jobs, and are capable of performing the work at a cost of \$66,500. After a lengthy discussion Vice President Rodriguez made the motion to sole-source and approve the proposal from Dominguez Engineering in the amount of \$66,500.00 and Director Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote 4-1, with Director Martinez voting "no".

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Approval of Resolution 224-R a Resolution Recognizing Director Robert J. Noonan of the Orchard Dale Water District. The General Manager informed the Board that Director Noonan had passed away and felt it appropriate to honor him and his service as he was a friend of the Pico Water District Board and worked closely with the District. Board members expressed their appreciation. Director Gonzales made the motion to approve and Director Martinez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager stated the new main in Durfee is fully operational and a final job walk will be scheduled soon; RC Foster has submitted all paperwork for the PFAS Treatment Facility on-site work, we are awaiting a start date and work schedule and will issue a Notice to Proceed shortly; Staff has completed the prep work at Well #8 for the discharge line and General Pump has been working on finalizing pump work and the well should be up and running shortly; District staff submitted request for payment of COVID-19 money for past-due accounts from March 4, 2020 through June 15, 2021 and received \$24,179.22 in funds; District office will be closed Friday February 18 and Monday February 21, 2022.

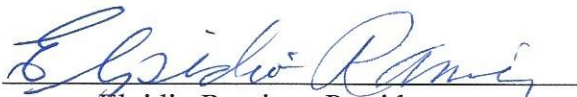
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel stated February 18, 2022 is the deadline for submittal of bills by the legislature.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items.

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

President Ramirez 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 6:38 p.m.


Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:


Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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