



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, March 2, 2022 at 5:33 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 and General Manager participated in person; Director Robert Martinez, Director David Gonzales, Director Victor Caballero and Vice President Raymond Rodriguez participated telephonically; and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically via Zoom.

Director Martinez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Rodriguez 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 Gonzales made the motion to approve the agenda and Vice President Rodriguez 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 Caballero made the motion to approve and Director Gonzales 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 Resolution 225-R Proclaiming a State of Emergency Persists, Re-ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom, and Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings. Director Martinez made the motion to approve and Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Change Order request by AKM Consulting Engineers (AKM) for additional design and grant work needed. The General Manager reviewed with the Board the background regarding work performed by AKM for design of the PFAS treatment plants at wells 5A, 8 and 11. Prior to contracting with AKM, the District had begun the application process with the Water Replenishment District (WRD) for PFAS grant funding. As the process progressed WRD required additional information and AKM assisted in preparing the documentation required. The proposal from AKM includes a breakdown of the additional work performed along with a cost breakdown in the amount of \$27,598. After a brief discussion Director Gonzales made the motion to approve and Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll call vote, 4 – 1 – 0 with Director Martinez voting “no”.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider proposal from AKM for project management, construction management and inspection services for PFAS treatment facilities at wells 5A, 8 and 11. The General Manager reviewed with the Board that the agreement with WRD requires that a registered professional engineer be tasked with management of the PFAS remediation project in order to be eligible for funding. Both the District staff report and the proposal from AKM include a breakdown of those costs in the amount of \$140,715. Vice President Rodriguez made the motion to approve and Director Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll call vote 5 – 0.

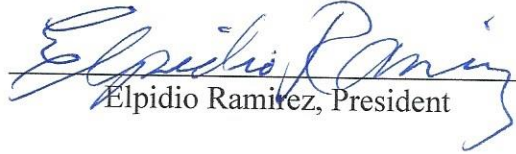
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager announced that the Board was provided a copy of the revised job flyer for the position of District General Manager and that if they had any questions or changes to please call him; the District received information today that the City of Pico Rivera (City) will present their Street Cut Moratorium Ordinance to the City Council on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – this Ordinance will make any work the District might have in the street very difficult and expensive – a brief discussion followed;

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported that the Board will need to schedule the 2 hour AB 1234 Ethics training possibly the last week of March or first two weeks of April; over 2,000 bills were introduced in the legislature this year, SB 1124 introduced by Senator Archuleta establishes a separate fund for Central Basin water projects; SB 1157 by Senator Hertzberg a follow on to AB 1334 from last year would adopt SWRCB studies for indoor water use standards from 52.5 gallons/person/day to 47 gallons/person/day in 2025 and in 2030 would reduce the standard from 50 gallons/person/day to 42 gallons/person/day; the Board’s approval of Resolution 225-R tonight is not affected by the recent announcement by Governor Newsom regarding teleconferencing. The District still falls under AB 361 for guidance regarding teleconferencing, currently there isn’t any indication when the governor will end the emergency declaration; the District provided the City of Pico Rivera a breakdown of costs for the Whittier Boulevard project and the General Manager will set a special meeting so the matter can be discussed regarding possible litigation.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director’s Request of Future Agenda Items.

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 6:25 p.m.

  
Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:

  
Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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