



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 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 David Gonzales and Vice President Raymond Rodriguez participated telephonically, in adherence to social distancing. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically via Zoom. Director Robert Martinez and Director Victor Caballero were not present. The General Manager announced that he did receive a call from Director Caballero stating that he did not think he would be available for the meeting as he was travelling.

Director Gonzales 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, 3 – 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, 3 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Approval of Resolution 226-R, a Resolution Readopting the District's Investment Policy. The General Manager informed the Board that this resolution follows the state guidelines as to what the District can do with regard to investing funds. Legal Counsel reviews the policy and recommends changes as needed. 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 of 3 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Approval of Resolution 227-R a Resolution Accepting a Grant of Easement and Approving a Quitclaim of Prior Easement. The developer at Crossroads Plaza, formerly the Home Depot property, is proposing to build a Chase Bank facility near the Shakey's Pizza location. This site is on top of a mainline that feeds a fire hydrant that the District currently has an easement for. The Developer approached the District and asked if they could relocate the fire hydrant lateral at their expense. They paid all the costs and our contractor completed the work as directed. Legal Counsel prepared the documents needed for the Resolution, the Grant of Easement and the Quitclaim of the prior easement as it is no longer needed. After a brief discussion, Director Gonzales made the motion to approve the Resolution 227-R and authorize the General Manager to sign all legal documents required to get it notarized and recorded. Vice President Rodriguez made the second. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote 3 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager reminded the Board on December 16, 2020 the Board approved Ordinance 64 allowing for the District to increase rates 6% every year on February 14<sup>th</sup> through 2025 and beginning with the March billing the bills dated April 1, 2022 will include that increase; the general manager asked the Board to consider when they would like to start meeting in person again; and he asked the Board to begin thinking about a procedure to review applications for replacement of the General Manager.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel stated regarding AB 1234 Ethics Training to be held March 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District has a couple of directors who will participate as well.

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. President Ramirez reported on the WRD Board meeting.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. regarding conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.

The Board reconvened at 6:25 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that closed session was held regarding anticipated litigation under Government Code section 54956.9 paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of that case and no reportable action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

*Elpidio Ramirez*  
Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:

*M. J. Grajeda*  
Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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