



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, May 18, 2022 at 5:30 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 was Director David Gonzales, Vice President Raymond Rodriguez and President Pete Ramirez. Director Robert Martinez and Director Caballero participated telephonically in adherence with social distancing. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically via Zoom.

Director Gonzales 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. Director Gonzalez made the motion to approve the agenda 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, approval of Consent Calendar. President Ramirez 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 action to address Possible State Water Resources Control Board Water Conservation Actions. The General Manager discussed Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22 directing the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to take action by May 25, 2022 with regard to Urban Drought Response Actions. Purveyor's, such as the District, who rely on groundwater are not in as dire a situation as those who rely on imported water. But that is not to say that the District will be immune from declaring a Water Shortage Stage 2 emergency in the near future. The Water Replenishment District (WRD) is formulating a letter to the groundwater purveyor's indicating that they will be able to pump their allowance for this year and next. Currently there is a coalition movement requesting that SWRCB consider a "Stress-Test" approach for urban water suppliers according to their own water supply shortage. After a brief discussion Director Gonzales made

the motion to have the District join in the coalition's movement to send a letter requesting the SWRCB approve a "Stress-Test" approach, President Ramirez 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, General Manager Report. The General Manager stated that District staff have been performing job walks at the Durfee Grade Separation project testing the system, valves, meters and submitting a punch-list of items for Riverside Construction to correct. Henry Barrientos performed a job walk of the backflow devices installed at the project and submitted a punch-list as well. Regarding the memo on Fixed Rate Charges on property tax bills – PWAG will be discussing this matter at their meeting on May 25, 2022.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported there are appropriation hearings this week in Sacramento. The Beverly Blvd. claim against the City of Pico Rivera went out on May 16, 2022 and received by the City Clerk on May 17, 2022 so that matter is in the works. The Whittier Blvd. claim's 45-day limit expires on May 20, 2022.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager stated that the District is not experiencing significant drops in its water levels.

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

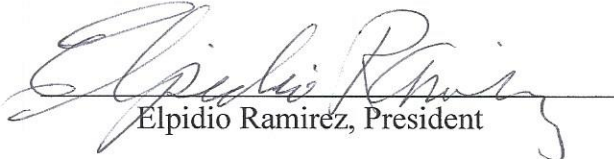
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. There were none.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 6:08 p.m. regarding two matters:

Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957) Title: General Manager and conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.

The Board reconvened at 6:28 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that closed session was held regarding Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957) Title: General Manager – the Board discussed ongoing recruitment efforts for the new General Manager and interviews will be scheduled for the following week. 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 6:29 p.m.


Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:



Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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