

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, June 1, 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, Director Victor Caballero, Vice President Raymond Rodriguez and President Pete Ramirez. Director Robert Martinez participated telephonically in adherence with social distancing and joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District participated electronically via Zoom.

President Ramirez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Caballero gave the invocation.

President Ramirez led a moment of silence for the victims who were killed in Uvalde, Texas and acknowledged those who have served our country.

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 roll-call vote, 5-0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar. 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, consider District action to address State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) water conservation actions. The General Manager stated that this is a discussion item to consider the District's options to conform to upcoming action by the SWRCB based on Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22. Those agencies that rely on imported water have begun to implement their Water Shortage Contingency Plans. Mr. Ciampa has drafted a resolution that will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. The General Manager recommends moving to the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Level 2, which means outdoor watering will be limited to 3 days a week, all water related leaks must be repaired within 72 hours as well as continuing with the permanent water use restrictions already in place. The Water Replenishment District released an information letter informing the Central and West Coast Basins that groundwater continues to be a reliable source of local water during episodic drought periods. A brief discussion followed.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager stated that R.C. Foster is still planning on mobilizing this month for the PFAS treatment facility site work; Dominguez Engineering is waiting for materials in order to start on work at Well 8.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel added to the General Manager's report that SWRCB adopted the emergency regulations on May 25, 2022 with a few significant changes that would allow an urban water supplier to be exempt from implementing their emergency regulations, to be exempt they would need to show the following 3 criteria – 1) must show in your demand assessment to the SWRCB on July 1, 2022 that you have an adequate water supply source through September 30, 2023; 2) do not rely for any part of your water supply on Colorado River water, State Water Project water, Central Valley Project water, or 10% of your water supply from a groundwater basin that is critically over-drafted; and 3) indoor water use per person per day is less than 55 gallons as reported for 2020 on you Electronic Annual Report (EAR).

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 opening of Durfee Avenue and the Durfee Grade Separation.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 5:58 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 7:24 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that closed session was held regarding Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957) Title: General Manager – the Board directed Legal Counsel to make contact with a perspective candidate for that position. 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 7:25 p.m.

Apidio Ramirez, President

Attest:

Mark J. Grajeda, Secretary

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