



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, July 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The District's General Manager, Mr. Joe Basulto 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. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District was also present.

The General Manager 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 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 President Ramirez 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 Board Approval of Revised Employment Contract ("Contract") with Joe Basulto as General Manager of Pico Water District. President Ramirez proceeded to inquire if there were any questions, page by page, on the Contract. Legal Counsel clarified the following items to the Board:

- a. that after the 3 quarterly performance reviews the General Manager will receive his annual performance evaluation no later than the first meeting in July;
- b. every year the Board approves a COLA increase for employees, the General Manager will also receive the COLA increase;
- c. the General Manager is entitled to all benefits afforded all employees of the District which also includes life insurance.

President Ramirez and the General Manager signed the contract. Director Martinez made a motion to approve the General Manager's Contract as presented 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 Board approval of Addendum #1 fee proposal of \$12,000.00 for additional work requested by Pico Water District for the preparation and processing of the required LA County Permits for connection of the new discharge lines proposed for Well #8 and Well #5A, to the existing Los Angeles County storm drain system. The General Manager explained that this is additional work by our engineers, Kabbara Engineering to prepare and process the permit applications for both wells, this does not include the cost of the actual permit to the County of Los Angeles. After a brief discussion, 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 Board approval of Replacement the Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) at Well #8 proposal recommendation by Sulzer EMS at a cost of \$14,297.71. The General Manager asked that this matter be tabled to another time as additional information is required to determine the best course of action as it relates to the proposed installation of the PFAS treatment facility at this site. Director Martinez made the motion to table the item and bring it back as a future agenda item. Director Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion to table passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager informed the Board that Dominguez General Engineering will be at Well 8 on Saturday, July 23, 2022 to install the discharge line and he will be inspecting the install; RC Foster states that they have received some material and expect to start the Well 11 PFAS treatment work approximately mid-August; Well 11 fence extension is scheduled to be installed on July 21, 2022; the Field Superintendent position is being advertised with a closing date of August 15, 2022; due to high COVID cases Los Angeles County is expected to make an announcement on July 29, 2022 that indoor masking will be required again; prior to Mr. Grajeda's departure he approved purchase of the Public Water Agencies Group (PWAG) emergency radio which allows communication between the District and other participating districts in the event of a disaster.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel briefly touched on the PWAG Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Alix Stayton, who took over for Mike Holmes who retired and if the Board would like to meet her to get an understanding of the workings of the PWAG Emergency Preparedness Program he would be happy to set that up. He also informed the Board that there is a Multi-Jurisdiction Mitigation Plan that is required if the District wants to be eligible for FEMA funds in the case of a disaster and the member agencies of PWAG came together to prepare a joint plan with a \$250,000 grant from FEMA which requires a 25% cost share by the agencies and PWAG is in the process of getting the contract awarded to a consultant to develop the mitigation plan.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager informed the Board under Item B that there was a mainline break on June 23, 2022 at approximately 9:30 p.m. and staff worked into the morning to repair it.

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.

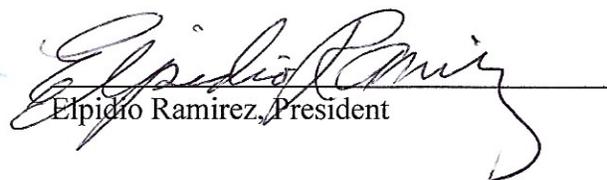
The Board reconvened at 7:15 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that closed session was held regarding two matters of anticipated litigation under Government Code section 54956.9 paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) the Board was briefed on the status of the cases and no reportable action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Attest:

Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
(Seal)



Elpidio Ramirez, President