



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, August 3, 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 along with Matt Lenton and Michelle Danaher from Gruber and Lopez, Inc.

President Ramirez 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. Vice President Ramirez made the motion to approve the agenda and Director Martinez 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 Gonzales 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 Board approval of Resolution 233-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 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 the 2021 Audit Report completed by the auditing firm Gruber and Lopez. Matt Lenton and

Michelle Danaher attempted to present the 2021 Audit and Findings but due to technical difficulties the matter was tabled until the next regular Board Meeting, August 17, 2022.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager informed the Board that the PFAS Notifications were sent out to all customers; July 21, 2022 staff temporarily stopped a gate valve leaking at Sandlock Street and Bollenbacher Drive. On July 25, 2022 it began leaking again and although staff was able to temporarily stop it but we needed to call in Doty Bros on an emergency basis to replace a 6" valve and tee. The site is where the City of Pico Rivera ("City") recently performed slurry work and that is scheduled. Additionally, the City was amiable to our situation and worked with us on solutions for the street repairs; August 2, 2022 the General Manager along with So Cal Gas and Edison met with the City to discuss solutions for their street moratoriums, the meeting went well and they were receptive to our requests for changes; Well #8 drain line have been installed up to the County catch basin and restoration is pending; Well #11 fencing is complete and came under the budgeted amount of \$25,000. Well #5, behind the DalRae Restaurant, the chain link fencing is continually being cut and vandals are accessing the site. Nothing has been stolen but we are incurring costs to continually go out and fix the fence so it is staff's desire to utilize \$7,100 of the unused funds from the Well 11 fencing project to install wrought iron fencing and rolling gate at Well #5; On July 1, 2022 the District's Capacity Charges increased 6.89% pursuant to Pico Water District Resolution No. 216-R; The Field Superintendent application period will close on August 15, 2022. Additionally, we will need to fill a Water Maintenance position as we will be losing one position when one of our staff members leaves at the end of the month as he has accepted a position with the City of Brea; On August 4, 2022 staff is meeting with our state regulator regarding upcoming inspections of our facilities. JPIA will also be out to on Tuesday, August 9 2022 to tour our facilities; with regard to the development at Stephens and Durfee he announced that Kabbara Engineering is reviewing the plans submitted by the developer.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported that the Legislature is back in session and are going through the final versions of their session. SB222 – the low-income rate assistance bill that would set up a statewide program requiring all districts to participate is currently going through amendments and negotiations.

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. Director Gonzales commented on the meetings he attended.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 6:28 p.m. regarding two matters.

The Board reconvened at 6:58 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that closed session was held regarding one case 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 6:59 p.m.

Elpidio Ramirez
Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto

Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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