



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 17, 2022 at 5:31 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 Robert Martinez, Director David Gonzales, Director Victor Caballero and President Pete Ramirez. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District was also present along with Matt Lenton from Gruber and Lopez, Inc. Vice President Rodriguez arrived at approximately 5:35 p.m.

Mr. Joe Basulto led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Gonzales 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 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 Martinez 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 the 2021 Audit Report completed by the auditing firm Gruber and Lopez. Matt Lenton presented Gruber and Lopez's Audit Report for approval by the Board. Director Gonzales made the motion to approve, receive and file the Pico Water District 2021 Audit 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 rescheduling the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Pico Water District to September 1, 2022 from September 7, 2022. The General Manager stated that he will be on a pre-planned vacation and will be unavailable on September 7, 2022. Director Caballero 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 Board approval of replacement of Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) at Well #8 proposal recommendation by Sulzer EMS at a cost of \$14,297.72 to include all work necessary to complete project. The General Manager stated that this was previously brought to the Board and tabled so staff could discuss with AKM Consulting Engineers to verify that what is being considered is sufficient, they stated it was. EMS has the part in stock and is ready to install once the Board approves. 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 complaint lodged against Director David Gonzales. The Pico Water District Office Manager/Treasurer Lorraine Laible addressed the Board with a formal complaint against Director Gonzales for actions in defiance of Appendix J - Responsibilities of Public Office. After a brief discussion and an outburst by Director Gonzales the matter was tabled for another meeting.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager informed the Board that Well #5A gate replacement is scheduled to be installed and completed on Thursday, August 18th; Customer Service and Billing staff members attended training for Neptune 360; Field Rep interviews will be held next week; Field Superintendent application are currently in the review process; Attended meeting with Central Basin Municipal Water District regarding Metropolitan Water District emergency repair to the Upper Feeder Pipeline on September 6, 2022, assistance with water conservation, and responses by staff to customers; Staff has been receiving calls from both ours and the City's customers that individuals are visiting their homes informing them that they need to come in and check their water for contaminants; the Department of Water Resources Health Department is scheduled to perform facility inspections.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported that there was a note in the audit regarding recommendations for the purchasing policy reflecting thresholds for check signers and he will look into that and bring his recommendations to the Board.

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 6:50 p.m. regarding two matters.

The Board reconvened at 7:14 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 about the facts and circumstances about that case 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.



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Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:

Joe D. Basulto

Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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