



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, September 01, 2022 at 5:32 p.m.

The District's General Manager, Mr. Joe D. 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.

Director Robert A Martinez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Raymond 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 Robert A Martinez made the motion to approve the agenda and Vice President Raymond 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. The General Manager advised Board of Directors the item 6B July 2022 Financial Statement was not prepared in time of meeting. Amendment and Motion made by Director Victor Caballero to only approve item 6A and Director David Gonzalez 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 232-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. President Ramirez made the motion to approve and Vice President Rodriguez 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 informed the Board that Water Audit Report was completed and Submitted for FY 2021, we had a score of 70 / understanding that it was an updated version 6 requesting more information, goal is to improve score for the next Water Audit FY 2022 in years past our score was in 2019 – 76 / 2020- 78; VFD Update to be installed on September 19; Well #5A – Gate Completed; Well 11 – contractor is beginning to mobilize next week staff shall be meeting with them to give them access to Well site; I am going to be reviewing Budget I am looking complete items on the CIP Budget or carryover to next year; I held interviews last week for our field 1 maint. Position we had two good candidates, so I decided to start the process of hiring both individuals, and also our staff member informed me today that his last day with the District is September 19 as he accepted a job with City of Brea; Contacted 4 individuals for the Field superintendent position, looking to start the interview process on the September 22 – 29; Regarding Presidents Ramirez request, for GM to inform the Board of any Disciplinary actions, in the Pico Water Districts Rules and Regulations - Appendix J: Responsibilities and Authority of the General Manager / J5 and J6 which I provided you, on J5 Section II Personal 4. Going forward I would inform the Board with a brief statement of any discipline action I choose to execute, If the I determine the situation needs further discussion it would be conducted in closed session.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported that Legislator wrapped work on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, all bills moving forward are done wither on their way to governor or dead in the Legislator at this point. Couple of bills moving forward to the Governor that affect us AB2449 brown act bill that will authorize very limited circumstances for remote meetings; AB361 will remain in effect and we can continue to meet like this, under AB361 as long as there is a state of emergency and Covid conditions warrant remote meetings. Once AB361 is lifted then AB2449 would apply and is much more limited, on how it would apply, you would need at least three Directors in person and Directors can only call in because of an emergency situation, such as a health emergency or child care emergency, or a trip on District business, does not authorize calling in a meeting when you are on vacation; not as broad as AB361. Senate Bill 1157 indoor residential water use standard, bill would revise standard applicable in AB1668, which would move down the limit effected January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to 47gal per person per day and then down to 42gal per person per day effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2030; SB222 low-income rate assistance program state wide; no funding source yet. These are three most significate bills moving forward more information to follow. And legal advice that there was no new development on prior rights issue for closed session and they are working on draft.

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 David Gonzales advise Board that he attended the farmers market in Pico Rivera and spoke to the Army Core of Engineers for information on the Whittier Dam, regarding concerns of the Dam and ask if they would give a presentation, Director Gonzales ask the Board if they would be interested, they all agreed, Director Gonzales gave information to General Manager to make contact with the Army Core of Engineers to set up in the future. Director Gonzales also spoke to a

representative from WRD regarding Student Art Contest, Director Gonzales ask is we can post flyer on website.

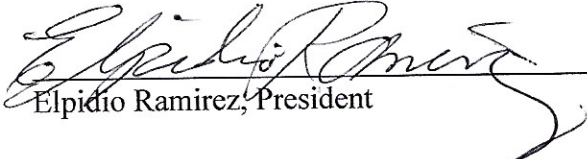
The Board Closed Session was canceled no items to discuss

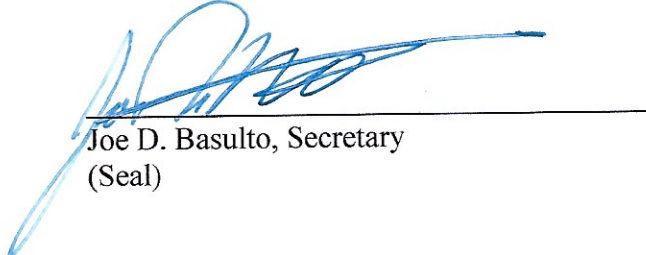
Director Robert A Martinez had a final question, he inquired about project on Stephens St. and project on Washington Bl., if we were aware and fine with the progress; The General manager stated that he was fine with the direction of the project thus far, with capacity charge and plan review; in regards to project on Washington Bl. the Fire flow test were completed that day.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Attest:



  
Elpidio Ramirez, President

  
Joe D. Basulto, Secretary  
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