



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, October 5, 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 David Gonzales, Director Victor Caballero and President Pete Ramirez. Vice President Rodriguez appeared telephonically and Director Robert Martinez was absent. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District was also present via Zoom.

President Ramirez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Manager, Joe Basulto, 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 Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar. President Ramirez made the motion to approve and Director Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll call vote, 4 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Board Approval of Resolution 235-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 Caballero made the motion to approve and Director Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Board approval of Employee Appreciation event at end of the year. President Ramirez proposed to hold an Employee Appreciation event at the end of the year. The General Manager informed the Board that staff contacted local food establishments and recommends that the event be held at Clearman's Steak

and Stein in Pico Rivera on Thursday December 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The estimated cost for District employees and one guest is \$1100.00, Board of Directors and Legal Counsel shall pay their own tab. Expenses for this event will be charged to Non-Operating Expenses. Director Caballero made the motion to approve the Employee Appreciation event at Clearman's Steak and Stein on Thursday November 15, 2022 with the District covering the cost of District staff and one guest at an estimated cost of \$1,100.00 with Directors and Legal Counsel and any guests picking up their own tabs. President Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote 4 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager informed the Board that two Water Maintenance 1 workers began on October 26, 2022 and are currently going through training; Field Supervisor interviews have concluded and there are two candidates who remain as viable candidates for the position; Well 11- still working on submittals for the site and R.C. Foster has begun some mobilization; there was a water service leak in the middle of the road at 9007 Rex Road and Dominguez General Construction did the repairs; received notification from Los Angeles County Recorder's Office that pursuant to Section 10515 of the Election Code, no election will be held for the District as only 3 candidates filed papers for the 3 Board positions that are up this year. The County Board of Supervisors will appoint David Angelo, Victor Caballero and Raymond Rodriguez to the Pico Water District Board of Directors prior to December 2, 2022 for the four-year term ending December 2026. Currently we are planning for the candidates to take the Oath of Office at the December 7, 2022 meeting; Director Caballero inquired if the Field Superintendent position was the last position to be filled and then staff will be "patched up", the General Manager responded in the affirmative; Director Gonzales inquired if that included office staff as he feels a need for someone in the office, the General Manager stated that not at this time, once he more time to evaluate the workings of the office he will see what is needed.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported that September 30, 2022 was the deadline for Governor Newsom to finish up his action on pending legislation and he dealt with approximately 500 bills in the last few days, he signed most of them and some were vetoed due to cost concerns in the current economy. The most significant bill that was vetoed due to cost concerns was SB 222 – the statewide low-income rate assistance program – a bill that never had a funding source identified in it; in the Central Basin Senator Archuleta introduced a bill that would set manganese limits as a secondary MCL but it never made it out of committee. Director Gonzales inquired if the Federal government had opening dates for submission of funding requests for PFAS/PFOA Treatment, Legal Counsel responded that although monies may be coming from the Federal government the State Water Board would be the outlet responsible for distributing those funds.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's Request of Future Agenda Items. Director Gonzales requested that the AWWA Conference be placed on the Consent Calendar.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director Gonzales stated that he attended the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce networking luncheon at the Salsa Grill on Rosemead Boulevard on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 regarding

the Mercury Project on Washington Blvd. and it should be going before the City of Pico Rivera Building Committee in November and the City Council meeting in December.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 5:59 p.m. regarding two matters.

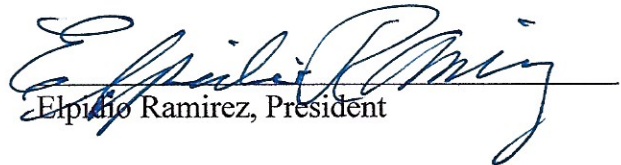
The Board reconvened at 6:22 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that closed session was held regarding one case of anticipated litigation under Government Code section 54956.9 paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) initiation of litigation, the Board was briefed on the circumstances of that case and did authorize the filing of the complaint in that matter.

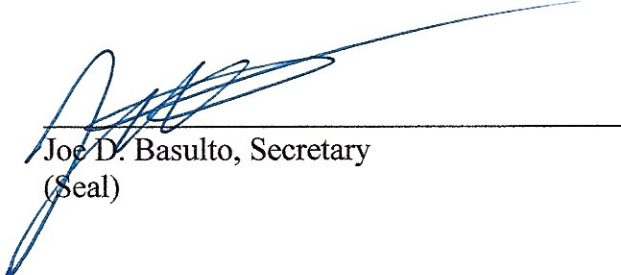
Public Employee Performance Evaluation held under Government Code section 54957 subdivision (b)(1), quarterly review of General Manager, that review was conducted and positive reviews of the General Manager were given.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



Attest:


Elpidio Ramirez, President


Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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