



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 19, 2022 at 5:33 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, and President Pete Ramirez. Vice President Rodriguez appeared telephonically and Director Victor Caballero was absent. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District was also present via Zoom.

Director Martinez 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 Martinez made the motion to adopt the agenda while reviewing each Consent Item A – E individually and Director Gonzales 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. By Director Martinez's request each item will be voted on individually. President Ramirez proceeded to the first item on the Consent Calendar:

- A. Consider approval of October 05, 2022 Regular Board Minutes – Director Martinez made the motion to approve and Director Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote 3 – 0 – 1, with Director Martinez abstaining.
- B. Consider approval of August 2022 Financial Statement – Director Martinez made the motion to approve and Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call voter 4 – 0.
- C. Consider approval of Board attendance at AWWA Annual Fall Conference on October 23 – 26, 2022, Sunday – Wednesday at Safe Credit Union Convention

Center in Sacramento, California. Director Gonzales made the motion to approve, there was no second and the motion died.

- D. Consider approval of Board attendance at Water Replenishment District and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts' 60th Anniversary of Recycled Water, Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Albert Robles Center, 4320 San Gabriel River Parkway, Pico Rivera, California. Director Martinez made the motion to approve and President Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote 4 – 0.
- E. Consider approval of Board attendance at WaterWisePro Maintenance & Construction Expo, November 8 – November 9, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at Silver Lakes Sports Complex, 5555 Hamner Avenue, Norco, California. Vice President Rodriguez made the motion to approve and Director Gonzales seconded the motion. Vice President Rodriguez informed the Board that the first day is for Water Distribution Operators as it is a training session for them to perform certain tasks as they would in day-to-day operations and the second day is the expo for water vendors to share their products with local agencies. 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 new work truck per Capital Improvement Projects. The General Manager informed the Board that he would like to table this matter to 2023 as currently Chevrolet does not have extended cab Colorado trucks in red, but will have red crew cab Colorado trucks in 2023.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Board Approval for leasing pumping rights to Virginia Country Club for 2023. The General Manager informed the Board that he was contacted by Virginia Country Club to see if we would lease them water rights for the 2023 water year and they would also be interested in entering into a 3-year agreement for water rights. President Ramirez inquired as to the current price for the water lease and whether that price would be negotiable. The General Manager stated that currently we are receiving \$180/acre ft but that we can negotiate our rate. The General Manager stated that he would like to get the Board's approval to enter into a 3-year agreement and then begin negotiations with Virginia Country Club and return to the Board with the agreement. Director Martinez made the motion to move forward with negotiations for a 3-year agreement with Virginia Country Club 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, General Manager Report. The General Manager informed the Board that District staff repaired a service line leak on Rosemead Blvd. caused by tree roots; on October 18, 2022 staff worked on a mainline repair on the northeast corner on Rex Road and Rosemead Blvd.; new field staff are working out well and he stated that he believes they are on their way to being a good addition to the District; the new Field Superintendent has accepted the District's offer and is set to start on November 7, 2022.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported that legal staff has finalized the prior rights complaint against the City of Pico Rivera and they have been served but there has not been any further contact with them; there is not need to have closed session tonight as there have been no other further developments; on this

date the State Water Board has adopted regulations regarding water loss and their will be some filing requirements that the District will need to do. Director Gonzales inquired about eight bills that Governor Newsom signed that were authored by Senator Archuleta, Legal Counsel stated that SB 954, a bill allowing the creation of a database of electronic-Certified Payroll Records was signed by Governor Newsom; the other significant matter is the emergency declaration pertaining to Covid will be revoked on February 28, 2023 as of that date the pre-existing Brown Act meeting requirements will return.

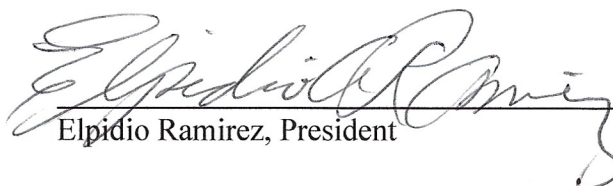
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reviewed the handouts with the Board.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Future Agenda Items. Director Martinez requested that the Board seriously look into selling the vacant lot behind the rental house and use that money to finance radio-read meters.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director Gonzales asked Vice President Rodriguez if he would have time to have a Water Conservation meeting in order to discuss plans regarding the high school scholarship program. President Ramirez stated that he attended the Los Angeles County Sanitation District 2 Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.




Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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