



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, November 16, 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, and President Pete Ramirez. Director Robert Martinez and Vice President Rodriguez appeared telephonically. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District was also present via Zoom.

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. Director Martinez made the motion to adopt 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, approval of Consent Calendar. Director Martinez made the motion to approve and it was seconded by President Ramirez. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider Board Approval of General Manager Contract, Section 4 Benefits and Special Compensation (E) – the District to provided General Manager with a suitable vehicle for use at all times on District Business. Director Gonzales inquired as to the contents of Section 4 Benefits and Special Compensation (E) and Legal Counsel responded. President Ramirez made the motion to table this matter and seconded by Director Martinez, the General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote 3 – 2, with Director Gonzales and Vice President Rodriguez voting "no".

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider/discussion of District property located at 4852 Church Street, Rent increase effective January 1, 2023. The General Manager informed the Board of current rent comparisons in the area and that it has been almost four years since the rent was increased. After a brief discussion President Ramirez made a

motion to increase the rent the amount allowed under statute, 10 percent, to \$1,870.00 per month beginning February 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Martinez. 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 field and office staff continue to conduct business as usual and new staff is receiving more training and working out well; RC Foster continues to work at Well 11 preparing the site for the PFAS/PFOA treatment facility, biweekly construction meetings are being held; he thanked Director Martinez for his years of service; he wished everyone a good Thanksgiving; there is a Finance Committee on Friday November 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving; he also thanked Director Martinez for his service; he stated it was a pleasure to see Mr. Basulto, President Ramirez and the new Field Superintendent at the Central Basin Water Association meeting; the City of Pico Rivera answer to our complaint is very standard and that case is now at issue, negating the need for closed session; the State of California has sued the PFAS manufacturers and is seeking monies for cleanup costs; the South Carolina PFAS case is continuing with procedural issues.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reviewed water production and levels, there were no major issues for the month of October.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Future Agenda Items. There were none.

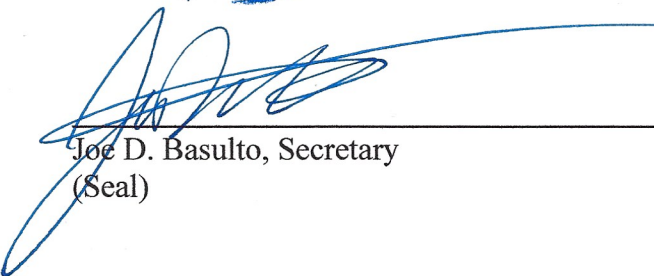
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director Gonzales thanked Director Martinez for his service on the Board and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving; he inquired of the President if the Board would be sending congratulatory letters to successful candidates in local, state and federal elections. President Ramirez inquired if the District has received WRD reimbursements and if the Board could be kept apprised of future reimbursements. President Ramirez wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Attest:


Elpidio Ramirez, President


Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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