



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, December 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel, swore in new Director David Angelo.

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 Angelo, Director David Gonzales, Director Victor Caballero, Vice President Raymond Rodriguez, and President Pete Ramirez. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District was also present.

President Ramirez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ramirez gave the invocation.

President Ramirez spoke in remembrance of those who lost their lives on December 7, 1941 in Pearl Harbor.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There were none.

President Ramirez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Vice President Rodriguez made the motion to adopt the agenda and President Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed 5 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar. Director Gonzales made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Director Caballero. The General Manager announced that the motion passed, 4 – 0 – 1, with Director Angelo abstaining.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider approval of Resolution 237-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 Vice President Ramirez 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, consider the Proposed 2023 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Projects. The General Manager reviewed the main points with the Board. Director Caballero made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Vice President Rodriguez. The General Manager announced the motion passed 4 – 0 – 1, with Director Angelo abstaining.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider approval of Resolution No. 238-R revising the Pico Water District Fiscal Year to begin July 1 of every year and ending June 30 of the following year. The General Manager informed the Board that a revision is a more common practice in the business world, would put us in line with our pumping rights, government reporting, accounting and auditing practices, and would eliminate newly elected Board members feeling the need to abstain from approval as they are unfamiliar with the matter. Director Gonzalez made the motion to approve and Director Angelo 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, consider approval of change order request from Civiltec Engineering in the amount of \$20,800 for additional work required to finalize Pico Water District Water Master Plan (WMP). The General Manager informed the Board that Civiltec has requested a change order to complete the WMP in order to complete further modeling based on the amount of information and data District staff provided to them. After a brief discussion the Board requested that Civiltec provide a more detailed accounting of what work will be performed. Vice President Rodriguez made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting, December 21, 2022 and Director Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager informed the Board that office and field staff are continuing business as usual; the first business day of every month all staff meets to discuss upcoming projects, schedules and discuss any issues that need to be addressed. Both the Office Manager and Field Superintendent give a report to staff and the General Manager keeps all staff informed of District activities; RC Foster continues to work at Well 11 currently excavating, grading and laying pipe and would like to take the Board to see the construction also would like to set up in January for Director Angelo to visit District facilities; the District Employee Appreciation event is December 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Steak and Stein, the cost is \$50 per person; Former Director Henrietta Salazar passed away on November 26, 2022, service is scheduled for November 15, 2022 at Queen of the Heaven Cemetery, viewing 10:00 – 12:30, Rosary 12:30 and Mass at 1:00 p.m.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel welcomed Director Angelo and informed him that after the first of the year he will set up new Director orientation to familiarize him with some of the matters concerning the District, along with ethics training for Directors.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Future Agenda Items. Vice President Rodriguez requested that the General Manager auto reimbursement matter be placed on the December 21, 2022 agenda.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. President Ramirez informed the Board that WRD is funding \$6 million plus for South Montebello Irrigation District.

The Board retreated to closed session at 6:48 p.m. regarding two matters:

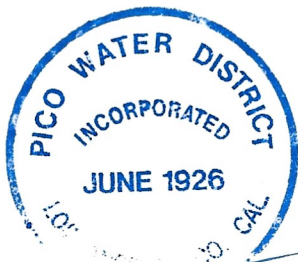
Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) – *Pico Water District v. City of Pico Rivera*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case NO. 22NWCV00967; and

Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) – *Rita Hernandez v. Pico Water District*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22BFSC01410.

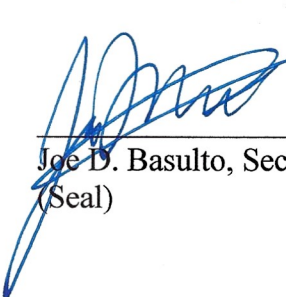
The Board reconvened at 7:02 p.m. Legal Counsel stated that the Board held a conference with Legal Counsel regarding matter one, Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) – *Pico Water District v. City of Pico Rivera*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case NO. 22NWCV00967, the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of that case and no reportable action was taken;

Legal Counsel stated that the Board held a conference with Legal Counsel regarding matter two, Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) - *Rita Hernandez v. Pico Water District*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22BFSC01410, the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of that case and no reportable action was taken.

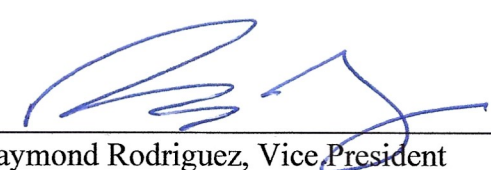
There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned in memory of Henrietta Salazar at 7:05 p.m.



Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
(Seal)



Raymond Rodriguez, Vice President