



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 21, 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 Angelo, Director David Gonzales, Director Victor Caballero, and Vice President Raymond Rodriguez. President Pete Ramirez appeared telephonically and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District appeared via Zoom.

Director Angelo led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Gonzales gave the invocation.

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

Vice President Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Gonzales made the motion to adopt the agenda and Director Angelo seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote 5 – 0.

Vice President Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar. Director Caballero made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Vice President Rodriguez. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

Vice President Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider approval of General Manager Contract Section 4 – Benefits and Special Compensation (C): The District to provide General Manager with a suitable vehicle for use at all times on District Business. Tabled from the Board Meetings held on November 2, 2022 and November 15, 2022. After a lengthy discussion Director Gonzales made a motion to table the matter and direct Legal Counsel to amend the General Manager contract Section 4 Benefits and Special Compensation (C) with the amount of compensation left open for the Board to review and agree on, and Director Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

Vice President Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider approval of Civiltec Engineering change order request of \$20,800 for additional work needed to finalize Pico

Water Master Plan, tabled from the Board Meeting held on December 7, 2022. The General Manager provided the Board, as previously requested, a detailed listing of what the change order would cover in order to complete the Water Master Plan. President Ramirez made the motion to approve and Director Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

Vice President Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, consider election of new Board Officers. The General Manager informed the Board that new officers are elected at the second meeting in December for a one-year term. The General Manager informed the Board that the Secretary and Treasurer positions cannot be a Board Member and therefore recommends that the General Manager, Joe Basulto and Office Manager, Lorraine Laible serve as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Vice President Rodriguez then opened up the nominations for President. President Ramirez nominated himself for President. Director Caballero made the motion to elect President Ramirez and Director Angelo seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that President Ramirez was elected Board President by roll-call vote, 5 – 0. Vice President Rodriguez then opened up nominations for Vice President. Vice President Ray Rodriguez nominated himself for Vice President. Director Gonzales made the motion to elect Vice President Ray Rodriguez as Vice President and Director Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that Vice President Rodriguez was elected Board Vice President by roll-call vote, 5 – 0. Vice President Rodriguez nominate the General Manager Joe Basulto to serve as Board Secretary. Director Gonzales made the motion to elect the General Manager and President Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0. Vice President Rodriguez moved that the Office Manager Lorrie Laible serve as Board Treasurer and President Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

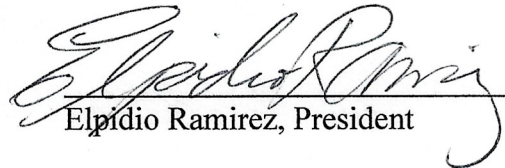
Vice President Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager Report. The General Manager informed the Board that the District experienced a mainline leak on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 in the 9400-9500 block of Beverly Blvd caused by root intrusion; RC Foster is continuing work for PFAS Treatment site at Well 11 and are awaiting electrical work to be completed. They will be shutting down for the holiday and return to work on January 2, 2023; he thanked the Board for attending the Employee Appreciation dinner on December 15, 2022; he wished everyone a good holiday, continue moving forward and have a good year. Director Caballero brought up concerns regarding the capacity fee charge and would like to look at it again. The General Manager explained that this is the District's way of recouping costs incurred when new development connects to our system, impacting system performance. Vice President Rodriguez suggested that the General Manager provide the Board with the information that was presented approximately a year ago when considering capacity fees for the District.

Vice President Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel stated that he will be discussing the current statues with regard to ADU's and capacity/impact fees that can be charged; there will not be a closed session tonight and legal staff is in the process of preparing discovery requests to the City of Pico Rivera; an outline has been prepared as to the District's defenses in the Hernandez small claims matter; he concluded by wishing every one a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.


Vice President Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Future Agenda Items. Director Gonzales requested that there be a discussion item to see about having various District properties appraised for their current value.

Vice President Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Vice President Rodriguez stated that the Employee Appreciation Dinner was a great success and it was a pleasure to see everyone away from the Board setting and interacting with staff and their families and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and is looking forward to another year of helping to improve the District with the fine Board members seated. Director Gonzales thanked the General Manager and stated that he had a wonderful time and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Director Angelo stated he attended the City of Pico Rivera Council Meeting and Eric Lutz is the new Mayor and former Pico Water District Board member, Andrew Lara is Mayor Pro Tem. He also stated that there is a new project being considered by the council and we should see if it will impact the District in anyway. Director Caballero also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. President Ramirez also added his holiday wishes and was sorry he was unable to attend the Employee Appreciation Dinner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.


Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:


Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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