



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, January 4, 2023 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, Vice President Raymond Rodriguez and President Pete Ramirez. Director David Angelo appeared telephonically. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District appeared via Zoom.

Director Caballero led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Rodriguez 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. Vice President Rodriguez made the motion to adopt the agenda 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 Gonzales made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Director Caballero. 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 Resolution 239-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. President Ramirez made the motion to approve and Vice President Rodriguez 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, General Manager Report. The General Manager informed the Board that staff worked on a limited holiday schedule there were no major issues to report; Well 11 – RC Foster was off for the holiday and had limited work this week do to the weather; Staff was notified by WRD that the District can apply for additional funding with the State Revolving Fund Program for PFAS Treatment. WRD is assisting with the

application as they have the District's documentation from their PFAS Treatment Program. Staff is working with Legal Counsel on legal aspects, agreement details and resolution which will assist in covering the 10% cost share for Wells 5 and 8; the latest reimbursement from WRD for \$655,970.43 is in processing and it covers Aqueousvets invoice for \$648,011.03 and RC Foster invoice for \$80,845.00.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel clarified with the Board that the AB 361 Resolutions will come to an end on February 28, 2023. AB 2449 went into effect on January 1, 2023 with limitations of use for just cause or emergency circumstances. Directors may use the Brown Act provisions if they need to call in for a meeting but this needs to be done in advance as posting requirements exist; Legal Counsel and the General Manager worked together on the outline for the small claims case filed by Ms. Hernandez and the hearing is scheduled for January 5, 2023. Legal Counsel then extended his hope that everyone had a good Christmas and New Year's.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Future Agenda Items. Director Gonzales would like to have a discussion item regarding the fees that the District charges for new valves. The General Manager stated that he is working on that issue and will be discussing his thoughts with Legal Counsel and hopes to have information soon.

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

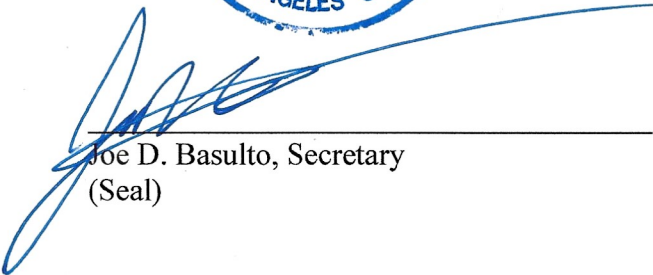
The Board retreated to Closed Session at 5:44 p.m. for one matter, Public Employee Performance Evaluation Subdivision (b)(1) of Government Code Section 54957. Title: General Manager.

The Board reconvened at 5:50 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that closed session was held regarding one case 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 5:54 p.m.



Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
(Seal)



Elpidio Ramirez, President