

## 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 18, 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 Angelo, Director David Gonzales, Director Victor Caballero, and President Pete Ramirez. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District appeared via Zoom. Vice President Raymond Rodriguez appeared telephonically and joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

President Ramirez announced that the District would be dedicating this meeting to the memory of Riverside County Sheriff Deputy, Darnell Calhoun.

Director Gonzales led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Angelo gave the invocation.

President Ramirez led the Board in a moment of silence for Deputy Calhoun.

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 Gonzales made the motion to adopt the agenda and Director Caballero 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. Director Gonzales made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Director Angelo. 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 approval of Resolution 240-R authorizing Financial Assistance Application for Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund funding for PFAS Treatment for Well #5A and Well #8. The General Manager informed the Board that this resolution is required as part of the application process to apply for state funding for PFAS Treatment sites at Well #5A and Well #8. The General Manager will be responsible for executing all documents and information required for submittal to the State Water

Resources Control Board for approval of funding and once funding is received will be responsible for disbursing those funds to various vendors and contractors for construction of the PFAS Treatment sites. Director Caballero made the motion to approve and Director Angelo 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, General Manager Report. The General Manager informed the Board that operations have been good with the amount of rain we received, staff did respond to a small service line leak today; on January 4, 2023 a vehicle struck a hydrant on the southeast corner of Carron and Rosemead Blvd. causing the hydrant to be sheared off, staff responded, isolated the hydrant and it has been repaired/replaced and put back in service; RC Foster continues work at Well #11in between storms, installing rebar in preparation for concrete for the pad for the vessels; the District received the latest reimbursement from WRD for AqueousVets and RC Foster for construction of the PFAS Treatment site at Well #11 and staff has just submitted another reimbursement request for RC Foster's second invoice; on Wednesday January 11, 2022 staff will conduct a site visit to San Gabriel Valley Water Company PFAS Treatment facility as they have the same set up as the District will.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported that the Legislature is back in session but there has not been anything yet that would impact the District, we will continue to monitor what is going on and keep the District apprised of any new developments; Director orientation still needs to be scheduled for Director Angelo along with AB 1234 Ethics Training for all members and we can combine those two items together either at a special meeting or dedicate a meeting in February to that - it was determined that a special meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. for Director Orientation and AB 1234 training.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager stated that production was lower than usual but not extremely low, was where we expected to be; water levels are steady with a little bit of increase; December activity report was good, one mainline leak in Beverly Blvd.

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. There were none.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 5:44 p.m. for two matters,

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: *Pico Water District v. City of Pico Rivera*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22NWCV00967.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: Rita Hernandez v. Pico Water District, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22BFSC01410.

The Board reconvened at 6:03 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that closed session was held regarding two matters:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: *Pico Water District v. City of Pico Rivera*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22NWCV00967.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: *Rita Hernandez v. Pico Water District*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22BFSC01410.

The Board was briefed about the facts and circumstances regarding these cases and no reportable action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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