



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, February 15, 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, Vice President Raymond Rodriguez and President Pete Ramirez. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District joined the meeting via Zoom at 5:33 p.m.

Director Gonzales led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Angelo 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 Gonzales made the motion to adopt and Director Caballero 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. Vice President Rodriguez 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, approval of Resolution 241-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 Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve and Vice President Rodriguez 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, Consider Board Discussion and Approval of amendment to General Manager Contract for Section 4 Benefits and Special Compensation – The District to provide / Compensate General Manager for a suitable vehicle for use at all times on District Business. President Ramirez stated that all members had an opportunity to read this item and have taken quite a bit of time on this matter. Director Caballero made a motion

to provide the General Manager with an auto allowance of \$500.00 per month along with \$85.00 per month to cover the increase in the General Manager's auto insurance policy to list the District as additional insured for all times that the General Manager is using his own vehicle while on District business, retroactive to November 1, 2022. 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's Report. The General Manager stated that operations have been going well with no major issues, field staff is currently reading matters and office staff is preparing to begin billing; RC Foster began February 13, 2023 to complete the first concrete pour for vessel pads at Well #11; staff met with Legal Counsel regarding ADU requirements and are working towards procedures for capacity charges that are inline with the Government Code and the Department of Housing Community Development Handbook; staff also met regarding a District check signing and purchasing policy as there currently is not one in place. A brief discussion was held regarding ADU and capacity charges. Director Caballero requested that the General Manager review the financials provided to the Board on a regular basis so to understand the financial position of the District. The General Manager informed the Board that he has instituted regular bi-weekly meetings with management staff to review finances and discuss financial requirements for upcoming projects and along with that has also instituted regular meetings with management staff regarding personnel, CIP, planning, water production, employee development, and billing/customer service. Director Caballero inquired about contracting with a 3rd party agency regarding Human Resources.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. There was none. Director Caballero inquired about the status of the DuPont and 3m PFOA cases currently being held in South Carolina. Legal Counsel informed the Board that the first of a number of bellwether trials, the first of sample trials for multi-district litigation, should begin around May. Discovery is continuing among the parties.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reviewed the production report, water levels, field activity, reservoir conditions and the LAFCO Special Election results.

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 stated that he met with Assemblywoman Lisa Calderon's assistant in hopes of securing funding from the state for District projects. They forwarded his information to the staff member in charge of those requests and the General Manager is in process of making arrangements for a meeting.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. for one matter.

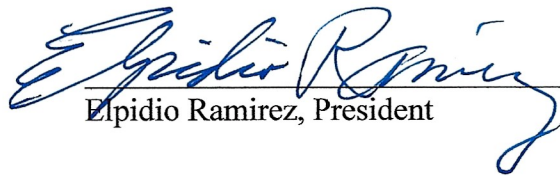
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The Board reconvened at 6:15 p.m. Legal Counsel reported that closed session was held regarding one matter:

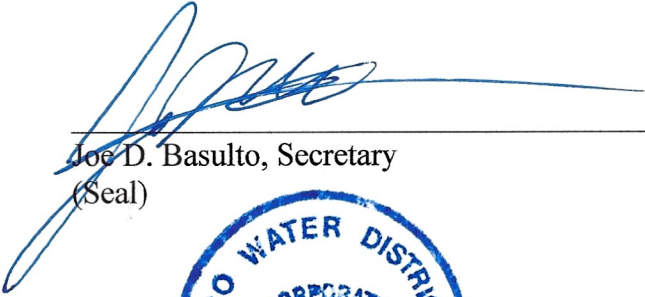
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The Board was briefed about the facts and circumstances regarding these cases and no reportable action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.


Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:


Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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