



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, March 1, 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. Vice President Raymond Rodriguez was absent. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District was also present.

Director Angelo led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Caballero gave the invocation.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. Carolyn Castillo spoke on community outreach for businesses and government entities.

President Ramirez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Legal Counsel informed the Board that the Agenda will need to be amended to include a Closed Session item -12B, regarding response to potential litigation that requires a response prior to the next scheduled meeting. Director Gonzales made the motion recognizing that this matter came up after the posting of the agenda and it is a matter of urgency. Director Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed 4 – 0. Director Gonzales made the motion to adopt the agenda as amended and Director Angelo 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 Caballero. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Resolution R-242, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Pico Water District amending Appendix H to the District's Rules and Regulations to add provisions to establish policy regarding check signing authority and bank reconciliation. Director Caballero made the motion to approve and President Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager stated that the District's monthly staff meeting was held on Wednesday March 1, 2023, this meeting is used as a tool to inform staff of any pending issues, monthly scheduling, and any items that may be of interest to the District and staff; we also held our first bi-weekly finance meeting with Field Superintendent Matt Tryon, Office Manager Lorrie Laible and myself to review where we stand regarding budget, upcoming purchases/projects, and preparing for fiscal year budget and audit; a hydrant was hit at Rex Road and Citronell Avenue; repairs were made to two service lines; office staff is finalizing/closing billing for the month of February; RC Foster continues work at Well #11, the concrete pads have cured and are awaiting delivery of the vessels which is scheduled for Tuesday March 7, 2023.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported that the Legislature finished up their work on bill introductions on February 17, 2023 and there were 1,751 Assembly bills and 881 Senate bills. He stated that he is almost finished reviewing the bills and the good news is that there is nothing problematic for the District and they will be preparing a legislative report in the coming weeks to share with the District.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. Legal Counsel stated in the agenda packet is a brief guideline for compliance regarding AB 2449 - Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

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 he is concerned about our finances and has made and received contact from congresswoman Linda Sanchez regarding available funding and the General Manager has made contact with them regarding our request.

The Board retreated to Closed Session at 6:12 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 – POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.

The Board reconvened at 6:26 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.

The Board was briefed about the facts and circumstances regarding this case and no reportable action was taken.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government
Code Section 54956.9.

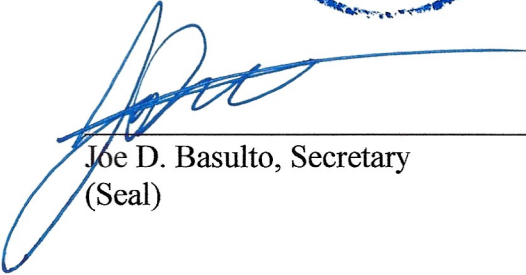
The Board was briefed about the facts and circumstances regarding this matter and the General
Manager will continue to gather information for the Board to review.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at
6:28 p.m.




Egidio Ramirez, President

Attest:


Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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