



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, June 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The District's General Manager, Mr. Joe D. Basulto proceeded with the roll call of the attending Board members. Present from the beginning of the meeting was, Director David Angelo, Director Victor Caballero, Director David Gonzales, Vice President Raymond Rodriguez, President Pete Ramirez and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District.

President Pete Ramirez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Raymond Rodriguez, gave the invocation. The Board observed a moment of silence in honor of the passing of George D. Crook former Board of Director of El Rancho Unified School District. There was also a brief presentation, to allow the Directors to express their condolences to the Crook family in attendance and to present a letter of condolence to the Crook Family. President Pete Ramirez declared a recess at 6:41pm and called back to order at 6:45pm.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There were none, there was 2 people in the audience, 1 being Matthew Tryon Pico Water District Director of Operations.

President Ramirez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Vice President Raymond Rodriguez made the motion to adopt and Director David Gonzales 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, approval of Consent Calendar. Director David Angelo made the motion to approve and Director Victor Caballero 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, Board discussion of the Proposed Fiscal Year of 2023-2024 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Projects. The General Manager informed the Board that the current budget will end June 30, 2023. In reviewing the budget and going over it with the finance committee and their recommendations, they will move forward with it. Some main factors of the budget are the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024, starting July 1, 2023, the District's operating revenue is projected to have \$4,159,300; that includes our current rate schedule increases in February 2024 of 6%. The total operating income is \$479,000 that includes the infrastructure surcharge which is to help pay off current loan as well

as the District's house rental income. The total operating income and operating revenue is \$4,638,300.00 and the projected operating expense is \$3,966,700.00. The total Non-Operating Income is \$422,700.00. The board and General Manager will revisit the budget in 6 months as a mid-year review of the overall budget and it will project the budget for the next year. The General Manger proposed a rate study to be included in next year's budget, which would be vital in operations of the District and to build up reserves. Director David Gonzales made the motion to adopt and Director Victor Caballero 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, Discussion with Board of Directors regarding Well #5A Discharge Line. The General Manager reported that the draft agreement letter was sent to Carron Apartments Legal Counsel, Michael Miller. The letter was overlooked by their legal counsel as well as our legal counsel, Mr. Jim Ciampa. We are currently waiting on the owner's signature, who is out of the country now. The owner has reviewed it before hand and is on board with it. Request for Proposals were sent to three engineering companies for review are expected back no later than 2pm on Thursday, June 29, 2023. This cost will be on the next agenda. Discussion was held no action taken.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported that currently in the middle of the month, office is in process of finishing meter reading and billing. General manager did inform board that he did release a field worker from the district. This individual did not meet our standards during his probation period. Progress of Treatment project for Well #11 and Well #8 construction pictures were displayed, as General Manager briefed the Board of the progress.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported on his Legislative Report regarding funding issue, he suggested contacting Steve Buckner, for grant opportunities. Also, money opportunities from Bureau of Reclamation. The State Water Board released information on chromium-6 MCL which is 10 parts per billion would be the maximum allowable amount in drinking water. SB998 policy may change in future. No closed session tonight.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported on the District's Water Levels and the State Reservoirs. We are doing good with the state and the reservoirs. Water levels did increase and are still going up, well #11 – 4ft, well # 10 – 6ft, well # 8 -4ft and well #4 – 14ft. The General Manager wants to continue to check our drawdowns for the wells to see how they are pumping. Director of Operations, Matthew Tryon, gave report for the monthly activity report and monthly production report.

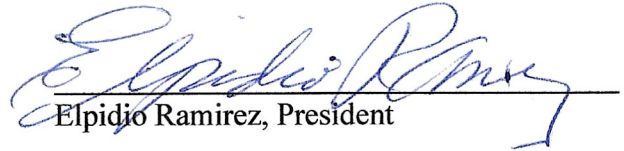
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Future Agenda Items. There were none.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. President Ramirez commented on having additional water storage.

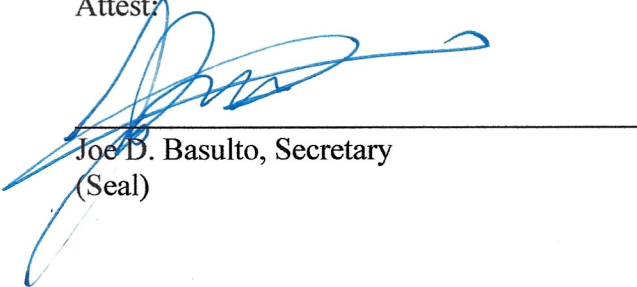
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. No closed session was held.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on July 5, 2023 at 5:30pm.




Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:


Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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