



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, July 5, 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, President Pete Ramirez and in place of Mr. Jim Ciampa is Andy Turner, Legal Counsel for the District. Vice President Raymond Rodriguez was absent.

General Manager, Mr. Joe D. Basulto led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director David Angelo, gave the invocation. The Board did not observe a moment of silence for this board meeting.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There were none, there were one person in the audience.

President Ramirez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director David Angelo made the motion to adopt and Director David Gonzales 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, approval of Consent Calendar. Director Victor Caballero made the motion to approve and Director David Angelo 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, Discussion with Board of Directors regarding the approval of Well #5A Waste Water Discharge Line, Engineer proposal to design, survey, recordation of easement, and prepare/ process L.A. County Permit. The General Manager, Joe Basulto, stated his recommendation for the Engineer proposal for the board to approve Kabbara Engineering. Discussion was held, Director David Gonzales asked why there were other proposal bids when the District has a preferred engineering company, Kabbara Engineering, used for District past construction. The General Manager, Joe Basulto, stated as the District does have a preferred engineering company used in the past and most recent construction, it is in the District's interest to have competitive bidding. Director David Angelo stated he would like to have had the board members included in the whole process of the bidding proposal. The

General Manager, Joe Basulto, agreed to include the board members in all the steps of this process. President Pete Ramirez posed a question about the construction process and if all the way there is a hold or issue, can the construction contract then be voided. Legal Counsel, Andy Turner, advised that based on the timeline of the project, if there are certain deadlines not meet by the engineers, then based on those details, the District can choose whether or not they continue with the contract. Director David Angelo stated that his concern is that he does not want to encounter any hiccups along the way that would cost extra on the District's part. Legal Counsel, Andy Turner, then stated that with any construction contract, big or small, hiccups may occur, it is at times unavoidable. Director David Gonzales suggested, during the process of the competitive bidding, if the board members could not necessarily have to be informed at the board meetings, but be included in perhaps a zoom meeting so the questions they have can be asked to the engineer. Director David Angelo stated that he would be okay if the General Manager, Joe Basulto, would keep the board members up to date with the progress of this project. The General Manager, Joe Basulto, agreed to keep the board members in the loop regarding the project. David Gonzales made the motion of the approval of Well #5A Waste Water Discharge Line, Engineer proposal to design, survey, recordation of easement, and prepare/ process L.A. County Permit, awarded to Kabbara Engineering and Director Victor Caballero 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 reported that the field staff encountered one service line leak on Saturday, July 1, 2023, 5200 block of Rosemead Blvd and it was repaired the same evening. Office staff had turn offs scheduled for July 6,2023, with 2 residential and 1 commercial account to be turned off for nonpayment. Well #11 operation plan has been submitted to the State Department and is under review. Well #8 is waiting for the vessels to be delivered. Delivery is scheduled for next Thursday, July 13, 2023. Well #5 has some below ground work that has started, the foundation is also being checked to confirm it is secure. A compaction test will be done and the foundation may not need to be replaced. More discussion was held about the other wells operation and non-operational.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported on his Legislative Report, No closed session tonight.

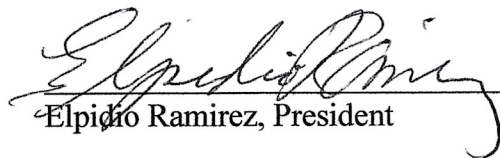
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported on the Pico Water District first annual Employee picnic. The General manager would like to invite all the Board Director's, legal counsel, and their families, this is the first time we have an event like this, all funded by the District staff. The goal is to come together as a District and introduce ourselves to our families, to boost our company moral and to build a stronger foundation with staff and their families. This would elevate the District status and show that we are more than a standard company, we are a company that cares about the employees.

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

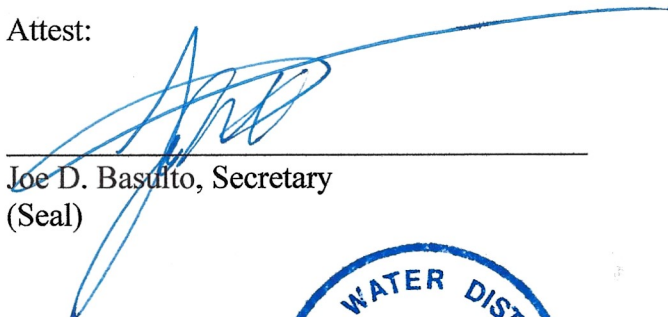
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. President Pete Ramirez commented about the recent Central Basin Board meeting progress.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Closed session began at 6:12 p.m. ended at 6:23pm as closed session was held pursuant to government code section 54956.9 to discuss one item of existing litigation; board received a status report. A closed session also held to conduct a Public Employee Performance Evaluation Subdivision (b)(1) of Government Code Section 54957, after some discussion the board elected to postpone this item pending preparation of formal evaluation and the manager's self-evaluation. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on July 19, 2023 at 5:30pm.


Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:


Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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