



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 19, 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.

Director David Gonzales led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Victor Caballero, 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 2 people in the audience.

President Ramirez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director David Angelo made the motion to adopt and President Raymond Rodriguez 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 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, 5– 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Discussion with Board of Directors regarding Item 7-A, consider approval of Resolution No. 246-R Pico Water District Authorizing Investment in the Local Agency Investment fund, Replacing Resolution 207-R. Authorization from current staff. Currently, the predecessor is on there to authorize withdrawals of funds and our previous office manager. Approving this resolution will authorize the General Manger, Director of Operations and the two vacant positions which would be the Office Manager and Office Assistant Manager, to be able to withdraw in emergency situations and to deposit funds into the LAIF account. Director David Gonzales made the motion to approve and Vice President Raymond Rodriguez 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 Item 7-B, sponsorship of Pico Rivera Smith Park Baseball Team. Per request from Director David Gonzalez and support to Little League Baseball Team raising funds to go to the Little League World Series which will be held in Simi Valley, CA. The request is to contribute an amount of five hundred dollars or any other amount. For the district to approve this sponsorship, the little league team would have to post some type of district badge, more water conservation and distribute conservation materials in order for the district to contribute in any amount. Director David Gonzales had mentioned his reasons for wanting to sponsor the little league and suggested to lower the contribution amount. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa was asked to give his input regarding the sponsorship and how it might benefit the District. He stated that the contribution would have to be a secondary benefit to the district, which is why typically districts will require some type of water conservation and messaging that comes along with that. Director David Gonzales requested to table that action item for the time being. 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 office and field staff are working on billing, which includes meter reading and re-reads which are follow ups to the meter reading of any abnormal usage. The Field staff encountered one Mainline leak last Thursday, 07/13/2023 on Deland Ave. and Speedway. On Monday, 07/17/2023, field staff encountered a service line leak on Citronelle Ave. and Loch Avon Dr. Staff has been working hard in the heat and the General Manager is working closely to keep staff hydrated and safe.

The General Manager reminded the Board that the District is having an employee event / family picnic, on August 5 at 1pm at Rio Vista Park.

Also, The Water Replenishment District (WRD) is holding a PFAS Funding Workshop next Wednesday AT 5P.M., The General Manager and the Director of Operations are going to be attending through zoom, here at the District. This workshop is tailored for elected officials and the discussions shall be on the proposed regulatory standards and potential implications to the basin.

Lastly, Well #11 operation plan has been submitted to the State Department and is under review. Well #8 vessels were delivered and installed, RC Foster is installing above ground piping. The General Manager showed board members videos and pictures of progress and discussed the work that was done.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported on his Legislative Report. Mr. Jim Ciampa had two items to discuss with the board. There was a COVID-19 arrearage program that the state put in place that dealt with unpaid water bills through December 31st, 2021. There was some subscriptions to it and the water suppliers petitioned the state to extend it out another year in the budget trailer bill that was passed in late June. They have extended that COVID-19 arrearages program another year, through December 31, 2022. If there are still arrearages that the district owned going back to 2022, there is an opportunity to recoup that from the state. It would be in the district's interest to look into to that further. Second item is regarding another district Mr. Ciampa represents was

served with a class action complaint involving CalPERS and disability retirement discrimination. Almost every city, county and district in the state was named. The General Manager will keep Mr. Ciampa informed if he receives anything regarding that.

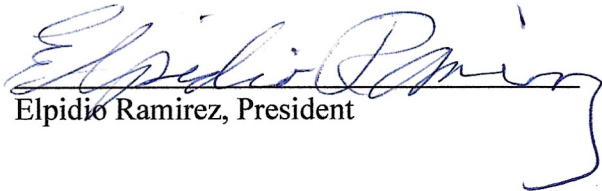
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported on the District's Water Levels and the State Reservoirs. State Reservoir levels are holding steady, and are being monitored on how they do in the coming months. The General Manager gave a report on the difference from 2022 Year Static Levels. Drawdown is the drop in well water level when water is being pumped. With this information the General Manager can evaluate the efficiency and performance of the pump and aquifer. The greater the drawdown, the harder the pump has to work which costs more power to pump water up to discharge to the system. Which would cause more wear and tear on the pump. The wells are in good running condition. The Director of Operations gave report on the Activity of the Field and the Monthly Production of the Districts Groundwater Wells.

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

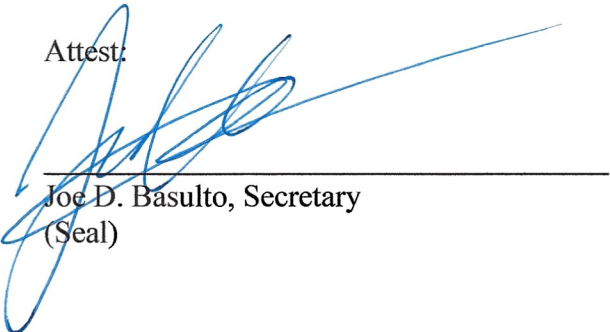
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director David Gonzales stated that he attended a board meeting at WRD at 10 a.m. and he thanked them for the help given to Pico Water District. He also asked if there was anymore help that could be given to the District from grants or any other type of assistance. President Pete Ramirez also stated that he attended the 1pm board meeting at WRD and he briefly discussed what was said during that meeting.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Closed session was held and began at 6:12 pm and ended at 6:35 pm. Closed session was held on three items. First item, 12A, conference with legal counsel existing litigation under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: Pico Water District v. City of Pico Rivera, Los Angeles County Superior Court Cas No. 22NWCV00967. Board was updated on the facts and circumstances; no reportable action was taken. Item 12B was conference with legal counsel anticipated litigation initiation litigation from pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9, one case, the board was briefed about the facts and circumstances that item of potential litigation. No action was taken. Lastly, Item 12C, Public Employee Performance evaluation under subdivision (b)(1) of Government Code Section 54957, Title: General Manager. The General Manager's annual performance review was conducted, a positive evaluation was given to the general manager. That concludes the closed session review.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on August 2, 2023 at 5:30pm.


Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:


Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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