



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PICO WATER DISTRICT**

4843 S. Church Street
Pico Rivera, California, 90660

5:30 PM Wednesday, September 06, 2023

AGENDA

Any member of the public may attend this meeting in person or by accessing the Zoom link below. Any member of the public wishing to make any comments to the Board may do so through that Zoom link. The meeting Chair will acknowledge such individual(s) at the appropriate time in the meeting prior to making his or her comment. Members of the public wishing to make a comment are asked to state their name for the record and will be provided three (3) minutes to comment, the Board secretary will alert those commenting when they only have 30 seconds remaining. All members of the public will be disconnected from the Zoom link immediately before the Board of Directors adjourns into Closed Session.

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Meeting ID: 952 177 9948 Passcode: 421745

- 1. ROLL CALL.**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE.**
- 3. INVOCATION.**

4. TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

*Members of the public shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on any matter on the agenda and/or within the jurisdiction of the District, which is not on the Agenda. All comments should be addressed to the presiding officer of the meeting. Additional public comments shall be allowed when a listed agenda item is being considered, but such comments made at that time must be confined to the subject that is being discussed at the time such comments are made. Members of the public are asked to state their name for the record. Due to all Board Meetings being run as Zoom Meetings all participants will be placed on mute at the start of the meeting and when the meeting is open for public comment the participant will be asked to raise their hand through the button on the video conference screen if participating by video conference or by pressing *9 on their phone if participating by teleconference.*

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

(All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved on one motion, unless a Board Member requests a separate action on a specific item).

- A. Consider approval of August 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- B. Consider approval of August 23, 2023 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes.
- C. Consider approval of Directors' attendance at WRD Dedication Plaque Unveiling in Honor of Former Director Albert Robles on September 14, 2023
- D. Consider Approval of Directors' attendance at ACWA Region 3 Live Webinar: Water use Efficiency Regulations in California's Mountain Counties on September 07,2023 (District Office)
- E. Consider Approval of Directors' attendance 2023 ACWA CLE Virtual Workshop Series on September 13-27, 2023 (District Office)

7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- A. Consider Board Approval Authorizing the General Manager to withdraw \$1,000,000.00 from the District Reserve LAIF account to fund \$800,000.00 in payment for PFAS Removal Treatment Project and transfer of \$200,000.00 to California Class Account – *Recommend Board Discuss and Approve*

8. REPORTS.

- A. General Manager.
- B. Legal Counsel.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- A. None at this Time

10. DIRECTOR'S REQUEST OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.

A. Report on Meetings Attended/Comments.

12. CLOSED SESSION.

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.

13. CLOSED SESSION REPORT.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

AGENDA POSTED ON: August 31, 2023

Next regularly scheduled meeting: September 20, 2023

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CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes.



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, August 16, 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.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. Carolyn Castillo, an attendee, commented on extending an invitation to Pico Water District to give a presentation of the District and its goals and challenges. Pico Women's Club meeting is on November 8, 2023 at 11am. She discusses the different organizations that the Pico Women's Club has been able to donate to.

President Ramirez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Vice President Raymond Rodriguez made the motion to adopt 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, approval of Consent Calendar. Director Victor Caballero 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, Board discussion of the PFAS Project Budget. The General Manager gave a financial report on the update for the PFAS Project Budget. He explains how the budget did not include contingency for any unexpected costs, therefore, the costs will be taken out of the reserves from the Districts LAIF account and request approval to remove funds from reserves to cover the remaining costs of this project.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Discussion with Board of Directors, consider approval of request for proposals for rate study. The General reported on the consideration of approval of request for proposal for rate study. Ide Bailey, the District's financial advisers, is currently helping the District with the ongoing rate study. The General manager discusses the District's current rates compared to The City of Pico Rivera's current rates that they just recently increased. The General manager wants the Board to consider and act now regarding increasing rates. He states that the District is at a very crucial point. In reviewing the current rate study that was done in 2020, there was no consideration as far as the rise of inflation, funds for the reserves, the cost of the treatment project, cost of operation the project, and the capital improvement projects. The General Manager wants to propose a rate increase for the beginning of New Year. The rate study needs to address the current and future needs of the District. President Ramirez proceeded to the adoption of the motion to authorize the General Manager to send RFP for rate studies. Director David Gonzales made the motion to adopt 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, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported that field staff working on Rosemead Blvd for the storage unit across from Well #11. They are working to put in two services and a fire service. There is also an upcoming project for El Rancho School District, that may have to be contracted with a contractor. PFAS Project, the contractor completed the above ground piping at Well #8. They are currently at Well #5 finishing reinforcing the wall that needs to be reinforced for the concrete pad. Permits are still pending for Well #11.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported on his Legislative Report, gave a brief update on the PFAS settlement. Mr. Ciampa states that in October there will be an opt out to participate or not participate in the settlement, that will be a sixty-day timeframe. The settlement money is still unknown. There will be more known in the upcoming weeks. 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. The General Manager 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. Director Victor Caballero would like to discuss space demise of small water pumps as a topic for the next meeting.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director David Gonzales wanted to discuss the fire hydrant on Rosemead Blvd and how some are often hit by cars in that area. He also suggested to the General Manager to contact the vendor and allow them to do a presentation for the Board.

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 6:28 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on September 6, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:

Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
(Seal)

B. Consider approval of August 23, 2023
Emergency Board Meeting Minutes.



MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PICO WATER DISTRICT

An emergency 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, August 23, 2023 at 5:00 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 Victor Caballero, Director David Gonzales, Vice President Raymond Rodriguez, President Pete Ramirez and Mr. Andrew Turner, Legal Counsel for the District. Director David Angelo is out of the state.

President Pete Ramirez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Manager, Joe Basulto, gave the invocation.

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. 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, 4 – 0.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action items, Consider Board Approval of Consultant for Rate Study – Water Resource Economics. The General Manager recommended the Board of Directors to approve, Water Resources Economics, to consider Board to approve the proposal for rate study. Mr. Sanjay Guar, would be the lead consultant for our rate study. Mr. Guar has a very good track record and will be hands on with the rate study. The primary goal of this rate study is to establish a strong financial foundation that the District can build on to have a better outlook and trajectory. Which is intended to include all aspects of operations of the District. Director David Gonzales made the motion to approve to retain the consultant, Water Resource Economics for the rate study and authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement with Water Resource Economics, and Vice President Raymond Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on September 6, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:

Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
(Seal)

C. Consider approval of WRD Dedication Plaque
Unveiling in Honor of Former Director Albert Robles
on September 14, 2023



YOU'RE INVITED

**DEDICATION PLAQUE UNVEILING IN
HONOR OF FORMER WRD DIRECTOR**

ALBERT ROBLES

*Thursday
September 14, 2023
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm*

*Tours begin at 5:30pm.
Unveiling Ceremony begins at 6:30pm*

*WRD's Albert Robles Center
4320 San Gabriel River Pkwy
Pico Rivera, CA 90660*

*West of the 605 Freeway.
Off of Beverly Blvd.*

Please RSVP by emailing:

INFO@WRD.ORG



Sunset Rooftop Reception to Follow Unveiling | Hors d' Oeuvres and Refreshments Will Be Served

D. Consider Approval of ACWA Region 3 Live Webinar:
Water use Efficiency Regulations in California's Mountain
Counties on September 07,2023 (District Office)

ACWA REGION 3 LIVE WEBINAR

WHEN

September 7

10:00 am – 11:30 am

[Add to Calendar](#)

COST \$0.00

Member Pre-Registration Fee

\$25.00

Non-Member Pre-Registration Fee

DEADLINE

September 5, 2023

[REGISTER NOW](#)

ACWA Region 3 Live Webinar

Navigating WUE: Exploring the Challenges of Water Use Efficiency Regulations in California's Mountain Counties

Join us for a thought-provoking webinar that delves into the intricate world of water use efficiency regulations in California's mountain counties. As this region faces unique challenges due to its geographical characteristics, panelists will discuss the impacts and hurdles of implementing urban water use efficiency regulations in this context. Through expert insights, panelists will explore the complexities of water conservation in California's picturesque mountain counties, as well as strategies for successful implementation of WUE regulations.

Speakers

Moderator

Chelsea Haines, Regulatory Relations Manager, ACWA

Panelists

Brad Arnold, Water Resources Program Manager, Calaveras County Water District

Nicholas Schneider, General Manager, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

Amy Talbot, Water Efficiency Program Manager, Regional Water Authority

Questions: Contact [Jennifer Rotz](#), Regional Affairs Representative, at JenniferR@acwa.com or (916) 669-2373.

This event is presented by the ACWA Region 3 Board 2022-2023

Chair: Josh Alpine, Placer County Water Agency **Vice Chair:** Michael Minkler, Calaveras County Water Agency

Board Member: Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District; Sean Barclay, Tahoe City Public Utility District; Jennifer Hanson, Nevada Irrigation District; Larry McKenney, Amador Water Agency; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

E. Consider Approval of 2023 ACWA CLE Virtual Workshop Series on September 13-27, 2023 (District Office)

2023 ACWA CLE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SERIES

WHEN

September 13 THRU September 27

11:00 am

COST [Advantage Pricing](#)

All Sessions: \$225 | Single: \$85

[Standard Pricing](#)

All Sessions: \$340 | Single: \$130

DEADLINE

Register by day before session.

ACWA is hosting a virtual CLE Workshop Series September 13, 20 and 27.

This popular annual virtual workshop offers continuing legal education for water professionals and updates water leaders on the hottest water industry trends. Participants will have the option to register to attend each session separately, or save by registering to attend all three sessions.

These programs have been developed with water agency directors and staff in mind, as well as agency legal staff and firms. Whether you are a director, general manager, staff, or legal representative, the value you will gain from these programs will be of great benefit to the water agency you represent.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

SEPTEMBER 13 (11:00 AM – NOON PST)

Why Water Agencies Must/Should Invest in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

Learn what DEI means and why it is important for effective agency operations, while learning practical tools and approaches to help your agency benefit by embracing DEI.

SEPTEMBER 20 (11:00 AM – NOON PST)

Public Bidding Best Practices

This program will discuss the bidding process for public works/construction projects, handling bid protests and other common bidding issues.

SEPTEMBER 27 (11:00 AM – NOON PST)

Eminent Domain for Water Infrastructure Projects – When Does the “Process” Really Start?

With many water infrastructure projects underway and hopefully many more in the future, agencies are having to acquire easements and fee title interests in order to construct their projects. This presentation is meant to be an overview of what general managers, staff and directors need to know about the Eminent Domain process and how it really starts long before the agency goes to court. From the types of interest (easements, fee title, etc.) to common use agreements and from CEQA considerations to appraisers and offers. Yes, ultimately, there may be a condemnation case filed, but there is a lot of work to do ahead of that filing and lots of opportunities to avoid litigation. However, if the agency has to file a lawsuit, this presentation will also provide some topics for consideration, timelines and tips to keep the process (and the project) moving forward!

ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.

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STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Board of Directors

From: Joe D. Basulto, General Manager

Meeting Date: September 06, 2023

Subject: Action Item 7A – Consider Board Approval Authorizing the General Manager to withdraw of \$1,000,000.00 from the District Reserve LAIF account to fund \$800,000.00 in payment for PFAS Removal Treatment Project and transfer \$200,000.00 to California Class Account

Recommendation:

That the Board approve and authorize General Manager to withdraw and fund project / account

Fiscal Impact:

Negative impact on Districts Reserve Account

Background:

The District Reserve account in LAIF has a total of \$1,602,677.43 authorizing General manager to withdraw of \$1,000,000.00 would leave a balance of 602,677.43 in the LAIF account.

\$800,000.00 of the withdraw amount shall be used in payment to the Districts PFAS Removal Treatment project and transfer \$200,000.00 to fund the District California Class Account.

California State Treasurer
Fiona Ma, CPA



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August 30, 2023

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PICO WATER DISTRICT

GENERAL MANAGER
P.O. BOX 758
PICO RIVERA, CA 90660

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

Account Number: 90-19-008

July 2023 Statement

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Web Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
7/14/2023	7/19/2023	QRD	1735605	N/A	SYSTEM	12,485.24

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	12,485.24	Beginning Balance:	1,590,192.19
Total Withdrawal:	0.00	Ending Balance:	1,602,677.43