



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.

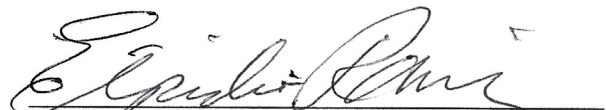
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported on the District's Water Levels and the State Reservoirs. The General Manager gave report on the Activity of the Field and the Monthly Production of the Districts Groundwater Wells.

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.

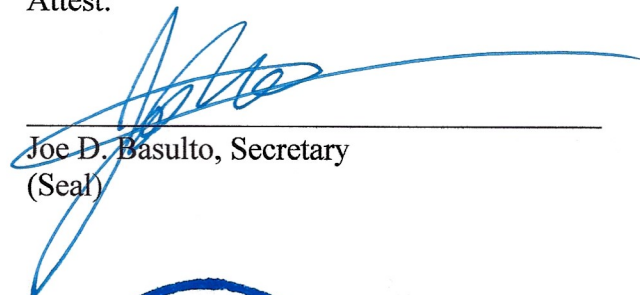
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director David Gonzales wanted to discuss the fire hydrant on Rosemead Blvd and how some are often hit by cars in that area. He also suggested to the General Manager to contact the vendor and allow them to do a presentation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