



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, September 6, 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 Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District. Vice President Raymond Rodriguez arrived to the board meeting at 5:40 p.m.

President Pete Ramirez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director David Gonzales, gave the invocation.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There were no public comments.

President Ramirez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director David Gonzales made the motion to adopt and Director David Angelo seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

The Board meeting took a brief recess at 5:35 p.m. The board meeting began again at 5:40 p.m.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar. Vice President Raymond Rodriguez made the motion to approve items A., B., & C. and Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5– 0. Director David Angelo requested to discuss items D. & E. Discussion was held for item D. Consider Approval of ACWA Region 3 Live Webinar: Water Use Efficiency Regulations in California's Mountain Counties on September 07,2023, General Manager Joe Basulto informed the board of Directors' that the webinar was free and if they wanted to attend it would be held at the District Office. Director David Angelo made the motion to approve item D. and Vice President Raymond Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5– 0. Discussion was held for item E. Consider Approval of Directors' attendance 2023 ACWA CLE Virtual Workshop Series on September 13-27, 2023 to be held at the District Office. The General Manger informed the board of the virtual workshop series and the three sessions will be covered in the span of the next three weeks. The General

Manager wanted to extend this webinar workshop to the board of directors. Director Victor Caballero made the motion to approve item D. 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 items, Board discussion of the approval of authorizing the General Manger to withdraw \$1,500,000.00 from the District Reserve LAIF account to fund \$800,000.00 in payment for PFAS Removal Treatment Project and transfer of \$700,000.00 to California Class Account. Discussion was held and the General Manager presented 3 options to consider with an estimated annual total for each option. Director David Gonzales made the motion to approve item D. and Vice President Raymond Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4– 0, Director David Angelo abstained from voting. Authorizing the General Manger to withdraw \$1,500,000.00 from the District Reserve LAIF account to fund \$800,000.00 in payment for PFAS Removal Treatment Project and transfer of \$700,000.00 to California Class Account

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported that staff completed and processed billing. Field staff encountered minor leaks within the District and completed repairs. Residential turn off's were twenty-one accounts for non-payment. Commercial turn-offs were five commercial accounts for non-payment. Interviews have been conducted for the office manager position and for the field maintenance position the week prior. There are a couple of lead candidates for consideration and will be discussed further in the future. Water Resources Economics sent over their Data Request form and the General Manager is planning on having an in-person meeting on September 18, 2023. Well #11 operation plan has been submitted to the State Department and is still under review. Well #8 is completed waiting on operational plan to submit. Well #5A all below ground piping is completed concrete pad has been poured and is waiting for proper cure time for vessel to be delivered and installed on September 18, 2023.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel reported on his Legislative Report, PFAS settlement for 3M's has started the time period as far as the opt out. Because the district has already filed the litigation, there are two choices, number one, participate in the settlement and get you get a cut the settlement money. Option two, continue to litigate against the defendants. The District's PFAS council will be working with the General Manager to get information that is needed as far as determining a good faith estimate of what the District can expect to receive as part of the settlement. There is a very complicated formula they are applying, but there is a sixty day opt out period. The another settlement is the 3 M's case that settlement is about 12.5 billion, it will be a similar process, claims forms have been put out, they are really looking at water sources, flow rates, and a number of facilities. Because the district has been engaged in the litigation for a longer period, that cuts the Districts favor as far as a higher proportion of money. Similarly SL Environmental will be preparing a good faith estimated for that case as well. The District is hoping to have this information by late September or early October. The Board of Directors is going to have to make a decision as far as accepting that amount or not. The claims that were raised by the state of California and some of the other state attorney generals, there were some concerns they had with the dollar amount, also issue regarding the rep of the release that was part of the settlement agreement along with indemnification provisions in the settlement agreement. Further negotiations took place, the States

came to an agreement and were satisfied with the changes that were made. Mr. Jim Ciampa brought up the Mountain County webinar happening on September 7, 2023, the state water board has put out their draft for water conservation which sets forth the rules about how the residential and commercial water usage objectives for water suppliers will be set. There will be a hearing on that in late September or early October, comment period ends in mid-October. Mr. Ciampa will be working with the public water agency groups and developing comments and that will be submitted to the State Water Board.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. There were none at this time.

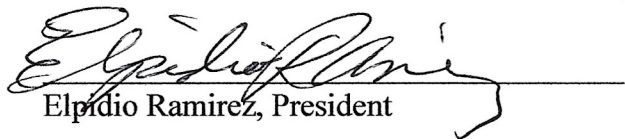
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's Request of Future Agenda Items. There were none.

President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director David Angelo commented on wanting a meeting with the General Manger to be able to answer the questions he has about certain water topics.

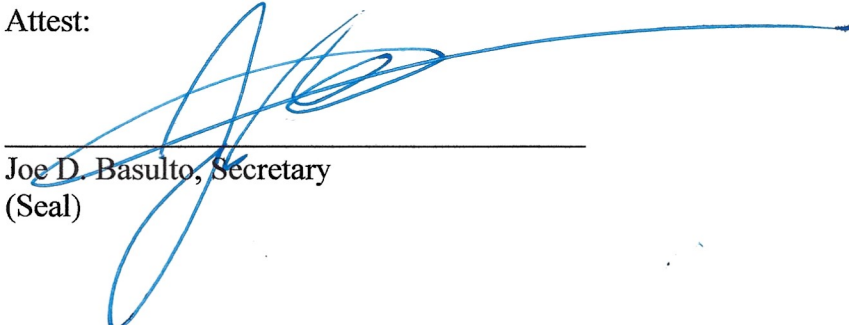
President Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Closed session began at 6:27 p.m. and ended at 6:32 p.m. Closed session was held under 12A. Conference with Legal Counsel [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: Pico Water District v. City of Pico Rivera, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22NWCV00967, Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of that case and current status of that case and no legal action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on September 20, 2023 at 5:30pm.




Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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