



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, October 4, 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.

Vice President Raymond Rodriguez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Manager, Joe D. Basulto gave the invocation. The Board observed a moment of silence in honor of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. No public comments at the time.

President Pete 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, 5 – 0.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar. 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, 5– 0.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action/ Discussion Items. The General Manager briefly presented on Pico Water District's Fiscal Year Water Audit. Water audits provide a way to inventory all water uses in the District's facility and identify ways to increase water use efficiency. The gathered information is sent and reviewed to a consultant to validate the annual audit. The General Manager briefly discussed the Pico Water District Water Rate Study Preliminary Timeline.

Also discussed were the capacity charges for the District. Every Fiscal year the capacity charges get reviewed. Mr. Jim Ciampa presented on the Accessory Dwelling Unit Legal Requirements. He stated the there are three issues that need to be looked at. The first one was whether an ADU can be considered through calculating the connection fee or capacity charge. The second was whether an impact fee can be assessed. The third issue was whether you can require

to put in a new connection or not, that's important because that new connection will trigger that connection fee or capacity charge. If an ADU within an existing place of the family residence such as a separate garage, with independent exterior access to the ADU from the residence, are not required to install a new or separate utility connection or pay connection fee or capacity charge. The board discussed whether this is something that needs to be revisited and discussed for an ADU policy.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported that field staff did encounter one mainline leak and have been repairing some minor service line leaks. The General Manger and the Director of Operations met with Director Angelo and addressed any questions he had. He was also taken around the wells and given a tour of the well sites. The General Manager is currently working the financial audit with Eide Bailey and Gruber & Lopez. The office manager starts working at the District on October 16, 2023.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Mr. Ciampa stated that there is a tax payer initiative that will be on the ballet in November 2024 that will impact taxes, fees and charges and it will look back from January 2022 to this initial pass. If the action taken in January 2022 and on violates this initiative then action would have to be taken to go back and undo the violation. There was no closed session held.

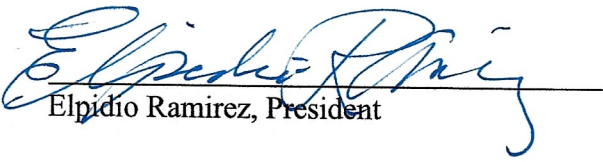
President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported on the PFAS Project, the contractor did not work this week. The following board meeting the General Manger will have pictures of well #5 showing the above ground pipe work and the progress. Regarding the permit, The Health Department is currently reviewing the operations plan and they should get back the General Manager by the end of the week or early next week. Items B.-D., The Chamber of Commerce sent some invitations to invite the board members to some of their upcoming events.

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

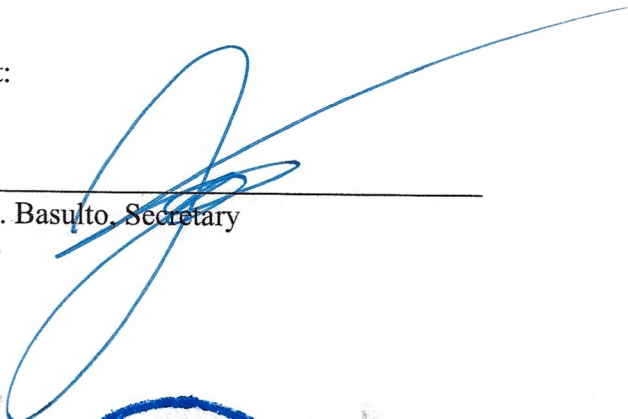
President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director David Gonzales had commented on an upcoming events in the City of Pico Rivera.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. No closed session held.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on October 18, 2023 at 5:30pm.


Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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