

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, November 01, 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 David Angelo gave the invocation.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. Mr. Lee Squire presented and spoke to the Board of Directors regarding Central Basin Municipal Water District General Manger Alex Rojas vs El Rancho Unified School District defemination investigation for financial malfeasance. Mr. Squire did enter his presentation to the Board Secretary Mr. Joe Basulto who received it. Mrs. Carolyn Castillo then spoke regarding Central Basin Municipal Water District General Manger Alex Rojas when he was at El Rancho Unified School District and Mrs. Castillo reminded the Board about attending the Pio Pico's Women's club event on November 8, 2023.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Victor Caballero 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, approval of Consent Calendar. Director David Angelo 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 Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action/ Discussion Items. The General Manager stated that they were none at this time.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported that a Staff Monthly Meeting was held today 11/01/2023, staff reviewed Schedule of work for the Month of November, the quote of the Month is "Nothing will work unless you work".

Staff had 27 Turn offs for non-payment and 23 were turned on by end of day. Staff did encounter one mainline leak on 10/31/2023 at Nan St. on a 4" Main caused by Tree roots and have been repairing some minor service line leaks also, Completed Hydrant relocation for the City of Pico Rivera's Mines Ave. Project.

The General manager reminded the Directors that along with the Regular Board Meeting on November 15 there would be a Special Board Meeting on Thursday November 16 at 5:30pm, Civiltec will be presenting the water master plan, and going over our CIP Schedule, and after that Water Resources Economics will present the financial plan, leading to the Rate Study workshop in December.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Mr. Ciampa stated that there were no none to report.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported on the PFAS Project, the contractor RC Foster was on-site this week, finishing up the above ground piping at the discharge head of the Well #5A, we had our biweekly meeting yesterday, and there would be no on-site work pending material to start base paving and electrical work for the electrician at each site. And Status for permit to operate, we had a in-person meeting with AKM in Irvine to review all of DDW's comments, AKM is working on completing to submit our comments to them, we are thinking after DDW review's we may have to set up a meeting with them to address potential issues and finalize our permit to operate, then we can submit for Well #8 and 5A.

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 briefed the Board of Directors of the ACWA fall Conference he attended,

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed session began at 5:53p.m. and ended at 6:12p.m. Closed session was held under item 12.

- 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. The Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances in current status of that matter and no report or action was taken.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: *In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation*, Multi-District Litigation No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG; United States District Court for the District of South Carolina Charleston Division The Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances in current status of that matter and no report or action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:14p.m. Next Meeting to be held on November 15, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:

Joe D. Basulto, Secretary

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