



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 15, 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 Basulto gave the invocation.

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. Director David Gonzales made the motion to adopt and Director Victor Caballero 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 Victor Caballero 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, Action/ Discussion Items. None at this time.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported that the field staff is currently working on meter reading this week and will be completed by the end of the week. The following week office and field staff will be working on re-reads. Once that is completed, the billing clerk will finalize and finish billing for December 2023. There were no major leaks to report. Field staff was able to go to the vendor's fair last week and meet other people in the water industry. Last week, the General Manager, Joe Basulto, had the privilege of speaking at the Pio Pico Women's Center. He was

accompanied by President Pete Ramirez, Director David Angelo and Mrs. Angelo. The main speaking point was about the water quality in Pico Rivera and the PFAS treatment.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa reported that he completed all the review of the legislation that Governor Newsome, he signed about 85% of the Bills that were presented to him. He also vetoed a few bills as well, one of them was AB249 which was a lead testing bill for school sites because of the cost impact. Many of his vetoes were for similar reasons as cost impact. AB755 was signed which will require additional revisions and rate studies for analysis for the highest water users. The District will complete their analysis prior to the end of the year. Those were the two primary legislative developments. There were some small changes to the Brown Act, AB361, if there is a state of emergency that reverts, that has been extended permanently, it did have a sunset date of January 1, 2024. AB361 also got rid of the AB2449, effective January 1, 2026. The AB2449 act is the just cause in emergency circumstances that will allow you to call into a board meeting. The only way to call in remotely would be in a state of emergency, which would have the board member calling in remotely to post their address on the agenda.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported on information item A. the PFAS Project, the contractor RC Foster, who is currently preparing for painting at the well sites, all major work has been completed and some electrical work that is being scheduled. The contractor will be done by the end of November 2023 and the District will be waiting for the permit to be approved. Item B., the water level reports, which are mid to high for the state reservoirs and still looking good, no major draw downs. General Manager also gave a report for water level for the wells. Informational Item C. October Activity Report, Matthew Tryon, the Director of Operations, reported on the leaks and service lines leaks taken care of that month. He also reported on the meters that got delivered, which the field will start addressing the meters that need to be replaced. The District also received funds for a hit hydrants earlier this year from the car insurance company. The director of Operations gave brief a report on Item D. Ground Water Production Report.

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

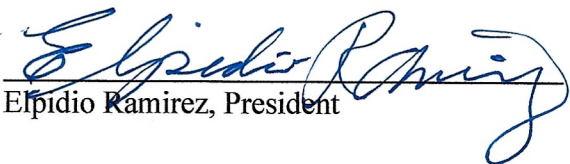
President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. President Pete Ramirez commented on the city of Pico Rivera getting funding and the General Manger went on to explain that the process is long as well as he paperwork needed to turn in for the requested funding.

President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Closed session began at 5:55 p.m. and ended at 6:13 p.m. Closed session was held under item 12. 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. Item 12 B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

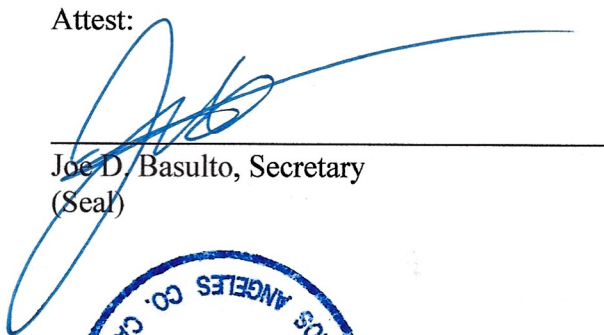
– EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation, Multi-District Litigation No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG; United States District Court for the District of South Carolina – Charleston Division, Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances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

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




Elpidio Ramirez, President

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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