



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, January 10, 2024 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 David Gonzales, Director Pete Ramirez, Vice President Victor Caballero, President Raymond Rodriguez and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District.

President Raymond Rodriguez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and General Manaher, Joe D. Basulto gave the invocation.

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

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda, consider board approval of urgent matter that came to the Board of Directors to move the next regular Board meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 start time from 5:30pm to 6:00pm. Director David Gonzales moved, and Director Pete Ramirez seconded, that the agenda be amended to add an item to change the start time of the January 17, 2024 Regular Board meeting and make findings that the need to add item arose after the posting of the agenda for this meeting and is an urgent matter. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

General Manager, Joe Basulto proceeded to approval of adoption of Agenda with addition to action item 7B. 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 Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar with two additions to the Board Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2023. 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 Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action/ Discussion Items. Action Item A. Consider discussion on Pico Water District Holiday

Observances; RE: Juneteenth, Independence Day, Columbus Day, Cesar Chavez Day. Discussion was held.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action Item B. Consider Board Approval to the start time of Regular Board Meeting of the Directors Pico Water District on January 17, 2024 – from 5:30p to 6:00pm. – *Recommended action – that Board Discussion and Approve.* Vice President Victor Caballero made the motion to adopt and Director Pete Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5–0.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported that Monday, January 8, 2024, a monthly staff meeting was held. Schedules from both office and field were reviewed for the month of January 2024 as well as meter reading and maintenance for the wells. Also discussed any significant activities for the year. Thursday, January 11, 2024, a monthly billing/ customer service meeting will be held to discuss previous month's billing, the flow of billing, and customer service issues. On Monday, January 8, 2024, was the start date of a new District field employee, Water Maintenance II, Matthew Rostro. Residential turnoffs were on January 4, 2024, there were twelve turnoffs for non-payment. Ten customers came to pay owed balance and were restored and one residential account remains off and locked for non-payment. Commercial turnoffs were on January 9, 2024, for two commercial accounts for non-payment and they both remain off and locked. Field staff encountered minor leaks and did some flushing of hydrants for the dead-end streets. General Manager also reported briefly on future scheduled meetings for the District.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa reported that the legislature came back into session on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. The governor put out his budget today to comply with state constitution requirements, it's balanced, not good and it pulled back money from PFAS treatment from general fund. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa will be missing the next two meetings and will be at the following board meeting in February. General Manager reported on the calls the office has been receiving regarding the recycled water being used as drinking water and assuring the customers that the District uses ground water not recycled water. He also stated customers will always be notified in advance before changes will be made toward the water.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported on information item A. PFAS Project Update, Monday January 8, 2024, the contractor slurry sealed all three well sites. Now the General Manager is currently waiting for the permit to be amended. The primary drinking water, comments were submitted mid-December and replied responses were given the first week of January. The General Manager had to make some adjustments to the font of the comments because it was too small. Adjustments were made to the responses and they were assisted by AKM Consultant. Also pending is the review for the permit for well #11. As soon as that is completed, the General Manager will submit for well # 8 and well # 5 together. Once that is completed the wells will be operational. Tesco is currently working on updating the telemetry system. PFAS quarterly notifications have also been sent out as of the week of December 25, 2023.


The General Manager proceeded to the next informational item, Rate Study update, all notices were sent as of the week of December 25, 2023. The following week on Thursday, January 18, 2024, will be the community outreach at Pico Park at 5:30 pm. Pico Park Community Center will also hold the Public Hearing on February 15, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

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


President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director Pete Ramirez commented on how WRD was showing that the City of Pico Rivera is in the process of receiving estimated ten million dollars for PFAS treatments. Director David Gonzales commented on wanting to start the Scholarship program back at the District to give students future opportunities.

President Raymond Rodriguez 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 6:20 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on January 17, 2023 at 6:00pm.

  
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Raymond Rodriguez, President

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Joe D. Basulto, Secretary  
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