



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, February 7, 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 and Mr. Matt Pero, Legal Counsel for the District. Pico Rivera City Manager Steve Carmona and Assistant City Manager Angelina Garcia were also in attendance.

President Raymond Rodriguez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and Director David Angelo gave the invocation.

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

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Vice President Victor Caballero made the motion to adopt and Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5 – 0.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar. Director David Gonzales made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented, and President Raymond Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced 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. Discussion Item: James Jones Hydrants & Break Checks presentation by Mueller Water Works. Cris Salas reviewed several Mueller Water Works products to minimize the effect of hydrant knockoffs. He presented the begins his presentation with a introduction of himself and his position. He proceeds to shows a model J6000 and model J7000 and described the mechanics of how those products work.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action/ Discussion Items. Action Item B. Consider Board Approval of Resolution 247-R Revising the District's Reserve Fund Policy. The General Manager, Joe Basulto, discussed updating the District's reserve policy to align with industry standards more closely and enhance risk

management. Steve Carmona, City Manager for the City of Pico Rivera made a comment regarding action item B., requesting a continuance of the item so the City could have more time to review the District's financial information, including information regarding the proposed water rate increase. He stated he understands the need to increase rates, but is requesting more time to review the financial audit just received and allowing more time to determine if a reduced financial impact on residents could be achieved. Vice President Victor Caballero made the motion to adopt Resolution 247-R, as presented, and Director David Angelo seconded the motion. The General Manager announced 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 C. Consider Board Approval of Enrollment in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Office Manager, Tomas Rivera , gave a brief description of the state's Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program and answered several questions from Board members. Vice President Victor Caballero made the motion to the District's participation in LIHWAP and President Raymond Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced 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 D. Consider Board Approval of Adopting the District's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) Annex: Pico Water District. The General Manager, Joe Basulto, gave a brief background of this plan and how it was developed among numerous member agencies of the Public Water Agencies Group through federal grant funding. Vice President Victor Caballero made the motion to adopt the District's MJHMP annex and President Raymond Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced 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 E. Consider Board Approval of District's Scholarship Application Process. The General Manager, Joe Basulto, gave a brief background on the scholarship program. President Raymond Rodriguez asked to postpone indefinitely action on the scholarship program. The board had a brief discussion regarding postponing the program. President Raymond Rodriguez moved to postpone consideration of this item until the first Board meeting in September 2024 and Vice President Victor Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced 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 staff had their monthly staff meeting going over the upcoming meter reading schedule and billing schedule. He also reviewed the residential turn off's with only one account remaining turned off. The following day as well was commercial turn off's with only one commercial account turned off. The commercial customer subsequently paid and water service was promptly restored. There was a mainline leak off of Elba and Paramount that District staff repaired within three hours. The General Manager and the Director of Operations attended the American Ground Water Conference earlier that day. The General Manager also reminded the Directors that on February 15, 2024 a public hearing is being held at Pico Park Community Center for consideration of the proposed rate increase.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa, reported on legislation is starting to pick up, Friday February

16, 2024, is the deadline for introduction of new bills. As of Wednesday, January 31, 2024, two-hundred and thirty-one Assembly bills and ninety-nine Senate bills had been introduced. He also stated he will continue to monitor bills as they are introduced.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported on information items, PFAS Project/ Well # 5A, and gave an update on pending permits from the State. The General Manager also reviewed the Board of Directors committee assignments for the different committees.

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 David Angelo commented on extending the start time of the public hearing on the water rates to 6:00 p.m. on February 15, 2024. General Counsel Ciampa stated the required notice has already gone out and unfortunately it is too late to change the start time.

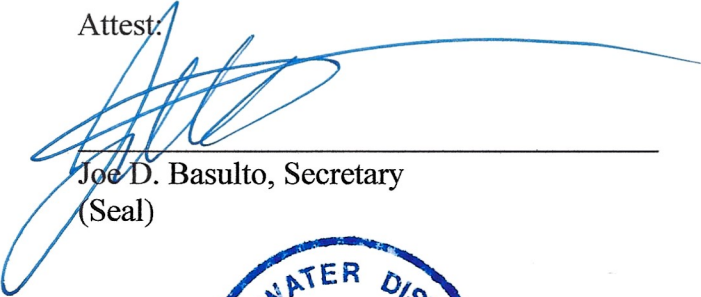
President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Closed session began at 6:56 p.m. and ended at 8:03 p.m. Closed session was held under item 12. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Pico Water District v. City of Pico Rivera, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22NWCV00967. The Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances and current status of that matter and no reportable action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Next Regular Board Meeting to be held on February 21, 2024 at 5:30 pm, with a Special Board Meeting to take place at 5:30 p.m. on February 15, 2024 to consider the proposed rate increases.



Raymond Rodriguez, President

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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