

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PICO WATER DISTRICT

4843 S. Church Street Pico Rivera, California, 90660

# 5:30 PM Wednesday, March 06, 2024

### **AGENDA**

Any member of the public may attend this meeting in person or by accessing the Zoom link below. Any member of the public wishing to make any comments to the Board may do so through that Zoom link. The meeting Chair will acknowledge such individual(s) at the appropriate time in the meeting prior to making his or her comment. Members of the public wishing to make a comment are asked to state their name for the record and will be provided three (3) minutes to comment, the Board secretary will alert those commenting when they only have 30 seconds remaining. All members of the public will be disconnected from the Zoom link immediately before the Board of Directors adjourns into Closed Session.

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- 1. ROLL CALL.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE.
- 3. INVOCATION.

#### 4. TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Members of the public shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on any matter on the agenda and/or within the jurisdiction of the District, which is not on the Agenda. All comments should be addressed to the presiding officer of the meeting. Additional public comments shall be allowed when a listed agenda item is being considered, but such comments made at that time must be confined to the subject that is being discussed at the time such comments are made. Members of the public are asked to state their name for the record. Due to all Board Meetings being run as Zoom Meetings all participants will be placed on mute at the start of the meeting and when the meeting is open for public comment the participant will be asked to raise their hand through the button on the video conference screen if participating by video conference or by pressing \*9 on their phone if participating by teleconference.

#### 5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

#### 6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

(All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved on one motion, unless a Board Member requests a separate action on a specific item).

- A. Consider approval of February 15, 2024 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes.
- B. Consider approval of February 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

#### 7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- A. Consider Board Approval of Resolution 248-R Revising the District's Policy Regarding Check Signing Authority and Bank Reconciliation; *Recommended Action Board Discussion /Approve*
- B. Consider Board Approval of Resolution 249-R Revising the District's Investment Policy; *Recommended Action Board Discussion /Approve*
- C. Consider Board Approval of AKM Consulting Engineers Request for Budget Amendment for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Wells 5A, 8, and 11 Treatment Facilities; *Recommended Action Board Discussion / Approve*

# 8. REPORTS.

- A. General Manager.
- B. Legal Counsel.

#### 9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

# A. PFAS Project / Well #5A – Update

# 10. DIRECTOR'S REQUEST OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

#### 11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.

A. Report on Meetings Attended/Comments.

# 12. CLOSED SESSION.

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.

### 13. CLOSED SESSION REPORT.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT.

**AGENDA POSTED ON**: February 29, 2024

Next regularly scheduled meeting: March 20, 2024

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# PICO WATER DISTRICT

# MINUTES of PUBLIC HEARING MEETING 02/15/2024



# MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PICO WATER DISTRICT

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pico Water District was held at the Pico Park Community Center located at 9528 Beverly Blvd., Pico Rivera, California, on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

President Raymond Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. The District's General Manager, 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 Manager, Joe D. Basulto gave the invocation.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item of the Agenda, Public Hearing regarding proposed adjustments to Pico Water District rates and charges and possible adoption of Ordinance No.65 increasing water rates and meter charges for water service by 35% on March 01, 2024, 20% on January 01, 2025 and 12% on each of January 01, 2026, January 01, 2027, and January 01, 2028. District Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa, addressed the public and reviewed the rules of the Public Hearing Process. Mr. Sanjay Gaur of Water Resources Economics, water rate consultant, and District General Manager Joe D. Basulto made a presentation reviewing District financial information and documentation demonstrating the need to increase rates and charges. General Manager Joe D. Basulto gave a brief intro history of the District. He also briefly discussed the challenges the District faces with PFAS, the steps that have been taken to address PFAS through construction of treatment facilities and related grant funding provided by the Water Replenishment District and the quarterly notification sent out to customers. He discussed how the previous rate increase has proven to be inadequate in light of reduced demands for water, increasing costs and unanticipated capital expenditures. The inadequacy of operating revenues has resulted in the District drawing down its reserves to inadequate levels. He went over the PFAS treatment facility operating and upkeep costs, including the treatment materials, which are not funded through grant funds. He discussed the rate increase and the necessity for it and also discussed the District's recent approval of implementing a low-income household water assistance program to assist rate payers.

The General Manager Joe D. Basulto introduced Mr. Sanjay Gaur, who briefly discussed the importance of understanding the water business and the infrastructure to maintain the system to make sure the vital resource of water is available to homes in the District's service area. The challenge is that the District's has maintained low water rates, the lowest in the area. Those low

rates have had a negative impact financially with rates so low the District cannot cover all of its costs. He then reviewed the projected revenues and expenses the District faces for the next five years, including the need to fund operating costs to pay for PFAS and to pay for capital improvement projects. Those revenue requirements drive the extent of the proposed increases, including the need to replenish the District's reserves. He stated the increase is mainly associated with the District's infrastructure needs and the capital improvement projects to meet those needs. Mr. Gaur concluded his presentation stating that the City of Pico Rivera has \$10 million in its reserves and the District is proposing to grow its reserves to \$5 million, significantly lower than the City of Pico Rivera.

The meeting proceeded to the next item on the agenda, item 4D, Board member questions and comments. Each board member thanked those in attendance for attending the public hearing and gave a brief reasoning as to why the rates were being increased.

Next item on agenda was public comments, the following public comments were made:

- Questioned why expend funds to drill a new well where there is contamination in the groundwater;
- Concerned with PFAS in the water and ingesting it through showers;
- Opposed to the proposed rate increase and stated the Proposition 218 notice was confusing and not clear;
- City of Pico Rivera stated there is a better way to address the District's revenue needs, the methodology for determining appropriate reserve levels could be improved and there is a concern over the proposed amount of the emergency reserve;
- Stated her disillusionment with the District and suggested a lower percentage initial increase in rates;
- Stated his daughter has cancer and it may be from the water;
- Stated the increases are too high and happening too fast and people will have difficulty paying the increased bills;
- Stated the residents should be able to vote on the increase;
- Stated people do not trust politicians and is concerned with the contaminated water; and
- Stated the proposed increase will impact those on Social Security, who receive only minimal annual increases and suggested the District begin with lower percentage increases and have higher percentage increases in the later years.

Further Board discussion occurred regarding the need for the increase, with Director David Angelo stating his opposition to the increase. Legal Counsel Ciampa then called for the final submission of any written protests and a recess occurred for any final written protests to be submitted and the written protests to be calculated at the front table. The meeting then reconvened after approximately five minutes and Legal Counsel Ciampa reported there were 67 written protests submitted, including the 52 City of Pico Rivera service connections, and the threshold for majority protest is 2686. Mr. Ciampa stated no majority protest existed and the Board could proceed to consider adopting the proposed rate and charge increases.

President Raymond Rodriguez also requested the Board of Directors consider lowering the rate increase for the first year from 35% to 25%, with the understanding that the Board could opt in later years to not proceed with full approved increase for any particular year. President Rodriguez then moved, and Vice President Victor Caballero seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 65, as presented, but with the lowering of the first-year rate increase to take effect on March 01, 2024 to 25%, with 20% increase to take effect January 01, 2025, and 12% increases to take effect on January 01 of the next three years. The Board of Directors approved Ordinance 65, as modified, by a roll call vote of: 3 Ayes by President Raymond Rodriguez, Vice President Victor Caballero and Director Pete Ramirez, 1 no by Director David Angelo, and 1 abstention by Director David Gonzales.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Next Regular Board Meeting to be held on February 21, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

	Raymond Rodriguez, President
Attest:	
Joe D. Basulto, Secretary	
(Seal)	

# PICO WATER DISTRICT

# MINUTES of BOARD MEETING 02/21/2024



# 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 21, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Vice President Victor Caballero called the meeting to order 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 and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District. President Raymond Rodriguez participated remotely from 2500 Kuhio Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii, where he had posted the agenda for the meeting and ensured that location was accessible to the public. One member of the public, identified on Zoom as "Mrs.22T," was also present.

Director David Angelo led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and Director David Gonzales gave the invocation.

Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There were no comments.

Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Pete Ramirez 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.

Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar, consisting of the February 7, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting minutes. Director Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar and Director David Angelo seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5–0.

Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action/Discussion Items. Action Item A. Presentation – Regarding Pico Water District 2022/2023 Audit Report by auditing firm Gruber and Lopez, Inc. Matthew Lenton from Gruber and Lopez, Inc. was presenting the completed audit report from the 18 month period from January 01, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Mr. Lenton reviewed available funds to the District as well as used funds over the 18 month period. Total assets increased, which reflects in the Capital asset area, and the rest of the amounts remain consistent. In terms of liabilities, they were consistent with the prior year. There was a significant increase in the Net pension liability, based on the Cal Pers actuarial. Equity increased

by approximately \$1.9 million from the prior period. Mr. Lenton reviewed the financial statements for the 18-month period and pointed out the main finance categories for the District. Mr. Lenton concluded his presentation and continued to answer any question the directors had.

Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action/Discussion Items. Action Item B. Consider Board Approval of the 2022/2023 Audit Report completed by the auditing firm Gruber and Lopez, Inc. Recommended Action – that the Board receive and file the 2022/2023 Audit Report submitted by Gruber and Lopez, Inc. Director David Gonzales made the motion to approve the Audit Report for the period from January 01, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and Director David Angelo seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action/Discussion Items. Action Item C. Consider Board Approval Authorizing the General Manager to withdraw \$200,000 from the District Reserve California Class account to fund payment for PFAS Removal Treatment Project – Recommend Board Discuss and Approve. The General Manager, Joe Basulto, presented the PFAS financial invoices that have already been paid and additional costs for the project. Mr. Joe Basulto and the Board of Directors discussed approving the withdrawal from District Reserve California Class account to fund payment for PFAS Removal Treatment costs. Director David Angelo made the motion to approve that withdrawal and Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported on field staff meter finishing re-reads and billing is scheduled to be completed at the end of February. The were no major issues to report on and no significant damage due to recent rain. There was a small leak on the roof at Well #8 and that will be scheduled to be repaired. On February 29,2024, the General Manager and Office Manager will attend a leadership training session. The new rate increases will take into effect in April 2024 for commercial accounts and in May 2024 for residential accounts. A summary of Ordinance No. 65, which was adopted at the February 15 Special Board meeting, will be posted in the Whittier Daily News. The General Manager will be meeting with the state engineer on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 to review the amendments to the District's operating permit.

Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa, reported on the deadline for new legislation was on Friday, February 16,2024. There were approximately 1,400 new Assembly bills and 700 Senate bills that were introduced in 6 weeks. In the next board meeting, Mr. Jim Ciampa will present more highlights regarding bills at a future meeting.

Vice President Victor Caballero 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.

Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Future Agenda Items. There were none at this time.

Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director Pete Ramirez reported that he attended a recent Central Basin Municipal Water District Board meeting and the CBMWD General Manager has been placed on paid administrative leave.

Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session To discuss 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. Closed session began at 6:33 p.m. and ended at 6:52 p.m. Legal Counsel Ciampa reported the Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances and 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 6:53 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on March 6, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

	Raymond Rodriguez, President
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Joe D. Basulto, Secretary	
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# **ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

# 7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.

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# PICO WATER DISTRICT

# **DISCUSSION ITEM - 7A**

A.Consider Board Approvalof
Resolution 248-R Revisingthe
District's Policy Regarding Check
Signing Authority and Bank
Reconciliation

# STAFF REPORT

**To:** Honorable Board of Directors

From: Joe D. Basulto, General Manager

Meeting Date: March 06, 2024

Subject: Consider Board Approval of Resolution 248-R Revising the District's Policy Regarding Check

**Signing Authority and Bank Reconciliation** 

#### Recommendation:

Board / Discussion & Approve

# **Fiscal Impact:**

None at this time

# **Background:**

Per the Auditors Communication report it was recommended that we review and revise our purchasing policy to state the approval threshold of the check signer. Thus, the purpose of revising Resolution is to clarify / update the authorize signers. The policy did state the process for signing for checks for \$30,000 or less (GM and one other authorized signer) or more than \$30,000 (GM and at least one director). In effort to be more specific to identifying the Policy what persons are "authorized signers, we add a table to display:

Amount of Check	Authorized Signers		
\$30,000 or less	General Manager and either Office Manager,		
	Director of Operations or any Director authorized		
	to sign checks		
More than \$30,000	General Manager and any Director authorized to		
	sign checks		
Checks for more than \$10,000	General Manager and Office Manager; or General		
as specified in items (a) through	Manager or Office Manager and any Director		
(e) above	authorized to sign checks		

In addition we added section 4 Credit Card Purchases:

4. Credit Card Purchases: Credit cards are issued to certain District staff as needed. All purchases must be in accordance with authorized authority with the budget and purchasing policies set forth in Section 1 above. Credit card purchases may be made for gasoline, travel expenses, training seminars and for supplies or services. Credit cards may not be used for employees' personal purchases. If the credit card is inadvertently used for personal expenditures, the employee must immediately notify the General Manager and reimburse the District for the charges or pay the charges directly to the credit card.

Currently the District did not have policy on Credit Card Purchases.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 248-R**

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PICO WATER DISTRICT AMENDING APPENDIX H TO THE DISTRICT'S RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ADD PROVISIONS TO ESTABLISH POLICY REGARDING CHECK SIGNING AUTHORITY AND BANK RECONCILIATION

WHEREAS, the Pico Water District (the "District") has established a Bid Procurement Policy, as set forth in Appendix H to the District's Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the District currently does not have a written policy or procedure in place that sets forth the signing authority required for District checks or regarding the manner in which the District's bank reconciliations are to occur; and

WHEREAS, the District's auditor has recommended that the District establish a written policy or procedure to specify the level of signing authority required for District checks and state the manner in which the District's bank reconciliations are to occur; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate for those additions to the District's policies to be set forth in Appendix H to the District's Rules and Regulations,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of Directors of the Pico Water District hereby amends Appendix H to the District's Rules and Regulations read in its entirety as follows to establish the check signing and bank reconciliation policies set forth below and to change the title of Appendix H to "Bid Procurement, Check Signing and Bank Reconciliation Policies."

# "APPENDIX H - PICO WATER DISTRICT BID PROCUREMENT, CHECK SIGNING AND BANK RECONCILIATION POLICIES

1. **Bid Procurement Procedures**: A County Water District, such as this District, is not required by law to use or follow a formal competitive bidding process in letting contracts either for the construction of any works or for the acquisition of materials or equipment for use by the District or for incorporation into any work, job or construction project for the District. However, the Board believes that there are situations when it is clearly in the best interests of the District to require that a work, job or construction project, or the acquisition of material or equipment, should be let by a contract arrived at through the use of competitive bidding procedures.

The Board believes that in certain other cases it is clearly in the best interests of the District that the Manager be authorized to proceed on behalf of the District by any means he deems to be appropriate in the circumstances, including the use of informal bids or quotations, or by a purchase in the open market without advertising. Finally, it is also recognized by the Board that in between those two situations there are many times when a particular work, job or construction project, or the acquisition of certain materials or equipment, is such

that the District's interests may or may not be best served by requiring competitive bids, the determination depending upon an evaluation of the special circumstances involved in each such case.

In view of the benefits to be obtained by utilizing one procedure rather than another in contracting for work to be performed for the District or in acquiring materials or equipment for the District, the Board has adopted this statement of policy concerning the letting of contracts for such work or the acquisition of materials or equipment, which policy will best ensure that formal competitive bids are secured where it is in the best interests of the District to do so, and that informal bids or quotations, or a purchase on the open market without advertising, will be utilized when that approach will best serve the interests of the District. To that end the Board has adopted this policy setting forth the criteria and guidelines by which the District will select the procedure which is best for the District in a given case, and to provide how the District shall proceed in those cases where formal competitive bids are to be required.

- A. Work or Acquisitions Costing Less Than \$10,000: All contracts for work or acquisitions of equipment or materials estimated to have a value when completed of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) may be authorized by the General Manager without compliance with formal or informal bid procedures, soliciting proposals or prior Board approval. The General Manager may give local contractors and vendors a preference.
- B. Work or Acquisitions Costing More Than \$10,000, But Not More Than \$30,000: All contracts for work or acquisition of materials or equipment estimated to have a value when completed in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), but not more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000), shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder after the General Manager has solicited bids or proposals from at least three (3) bidders. Such bids or proposals may be solicited and submitted to the General Manager orally or may be solicited and submitted informally by written proposal submitted to the General Manager. Contract documents relating to the successful bid or proposal shall be prepared utilizing the District's standard forms, with such modification as may be appropriate under the circumstances, as determined by the General Manager after consultation with the District's Legal Counsel.
- C. Work or Acquisitions Costing More Than \$30,000: Generally, contracts for work or acquisition of materials or equipment estimated to have a value in excess of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder after the District has solicited formal written and sealed bids or proposals from at least three (3) bidders, unless the Board determines that it is

in the best interests of the District to do otherwise. The Board shall determine whether the contract shall be let or acquisition made as a single unit or whether it shall be divided into severable parts. Contract documents shall be prepared utilizing the District's standard forms, with such modification as may be appropriate under the circumstances as determined by the General Manger after consultation with the District's Legal Counsel.

In addition to the foregoing procurement requirements, to increase the efficiency of the administration of construction projects undertaken by the District, the General Manager, in the exercise of his or her discretion, is authorized to add to the contract price for any construction project approved by the Board of Directors a contingency cost amount the General Manager determines to be appropriate for the specific work to be performed; provided that such amount shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the contract price approved by the Board. Upon completion of any project involving such a contingency cost amount, the General Manager shall report to the Board regarding whether the contingency cost amount was utilized for the project and, if so, the extent to which the contingency cost amount was utilized.

2. Check Signing Authority: All District checks must be signed by at least two signatories. Checks for \$30,000 or less may be signed by the District's General Manager and at least one signatory who is authorized to sign checks on the District's behalf (see the table below). Checks for more than \$30,000 must be signed by the General Manager and at least one director who is authorized to sign checks on the District's behalf; provided that the District's General Manager and Office Manager, or in addition a single director in the absence of the General Manager or Office Manager, shall sign checks in excess of \$10,000 applicable to: (a) payments to Southern California Edison for electrical usage; (b) payments to the District's payroll account; (c) payments to the District's health insurer for premium payments; (d) payments to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California for payment of replenishment assessments; and (e) payments on any contracts previously approved by the Board of Directors. All checks must be authorized in advance or subsequently ratified by the Board of Directors.

Amount of Check	Authorized Signers	
\$30,000 or less	General Manager and either Office Manager,	
	Director of Operations or any Director authorized	
	to sign checks	
More than \$30,000	General Manager and any Director authorized to	
	sign checks	
Checks for more than \$10,000	General Manager and Office Manager; or General	
as specified in items (a) through	Manager or Office Manager and any Director	
(e) above	authorized to sign checks	

- 3. Bank Reconciliation Procedure: The District's office staff, or its designee, shall reconcile the District's bank statements on a monthly basis. The reviewer of the bank reconciliation or the District's Office Manager must sign off on the reconciliation to document their review. Similarly, the reviewer of the District's check register shall sign off on the check register to document their review. Checks shall be signed by someone other than the person who has reviewed the check register, in accordance with Section 1, above.
- 4. Credit Card Purchases: Credit cards are issued to certain District staff as needed. All purchases must be in accordance with authorized authority with the budget and purchasing policies set forth in Section 1 above. Credit card purchases may be made for gasoline, travel expenses, training seminars and for supplies or services. Credit cards may not be used for employees' personal purchases. If the credit card is inadvertently used for personal expenditures, the employee must immediately notify the General Manager and reimburse the District for the charges or pay the charges directly to the credit card.

The District's General Manager or his or her designee is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the above policies and procedures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Pico Water District this 6th

day ot	warch, 2024, by the following vote:		
	Ayes:		
	Nays:		
	Abstains:		
	Absent:		
		Bv:	
		- /	Raymond Rodriguez, President
Attest	:		
Joe D.	. Basulto, Secretary		

# PICO WATER DISTRICT

# **DISCUSSION ITEM - 7B**

# B. Consider Board Approval of Resolution 249-R Revising the District's Investment Policy

# STAFF REPORT

**To:** Honorable Board of Directors

From: Joe D. Basulto, General Manager

Meeting Date: March 06, 2024

Subject: Consider Board Approval of Resolution 249-R Revising the District's Investment Policy

Recommendation:

Board / Discussion & Approve

**Fiscal Impact:** 

None at this time

# **Background:**

The purpose of revising Resolution is to update the Districts Investment Policy. After reviewing, we added the California CLASS account to the policy as this is a new investment account for the District. And it is in our best interest in adding this account to the policy under Section 7: Authorized Financial Institutions and Dealers.

In Addition, we revised Section 8: Authorized and Suitable investments, to reflect California Government Code Sections 53600. Also, under same Section 8 – P (ii) revised language For securities eligible for investment.



#### **RESOLUTION NO. 249-R**

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PICO WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING ITS INVESTMENT POLICY

# 1. **POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has declared that the deposit and investment of public funds by local officials and local agencies is an issue of statewide concern; and

WHEREAS, the legislative body of a local agency may invest monies not required for the immediate necessities of the local agency in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Sections 53601 and 53635; and

**WHEREAS**, the treasurer or fiscal officer of the Pico Water District ("District") must annually prepare and submit a statement of investment policy and such policy, and any changes thereto, shall be considered by the Board of Directors at a public meeting,

**NOW THEREFORE**, it shall be the policy of the District to invest funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the District's daily cash flow demands and conforming to all statutes governing the investment of District funds.

# 2. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all financial assets of the District. These funds are accounted for in the annual District audit.

# 3. PRUDENCE

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the District, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs; not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived. The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent investor" standard (California Government Code Section 53600.3) and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and the investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

# 4. **OBJECTIVES**

When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling and managing District funds, the primary objectives, in priority order, of the investment activities shall be:

- 1. Safety: Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments of the District shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. To attain this objective, diversification is required in order that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed the income generated from the remainder of the portfolio.
- **2. Liquidity:** The investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to enable the District to meet all operating requirements which might be reasonably anticipated.
- 3. Return on Investments: The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.

# 5. <u>DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY</u>

Authority to manage the investment program is derived from California Government Code Sections 53600, et seq. Management responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the Treasurer, who, where appropriate, shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and such procedures that are established by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials. Under the provisions of California Government Code Section 53600.3, the Treasurer is a trustee and a fiduciary subject to the prudent investor standard.

# 6. <u>ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</u>

Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict or appear to conflict with the proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

# 7. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

The Treasurer will maintain a list of financial institutions, selected on the basis of credit worthiness, financial strength, experience and minimum capitalization authorized to provide investment services. In addition, a list will also be maintained of approved security broker/dealers selected by credit worthiness who are authorized to provide investment and financial advisory services in the State of California. No public deposit shall be made except in a qualified public depository as established by state laws.

For brokers/dealers of government securities and other investments, the District shall select only broker/dealers who are licensed and in good standing with the California Department of

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Securities, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers or other applicable self-regulatory organizations.

Before engaging in investment transactions with a broker/dealer, the Treasurer shall have received from said firm a signed Certification Form. This form shall attest that the individual responsible for the District's account with that firm has reviewed the District's Investment Policy and that the firm understands the policy and intends to present investment recommendations and transactions to the District that are appropriate under the terms and conditions of the Investment Policy.

Where all funds of the District not placed in FDIC-insured accounts are invested through the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and California CLASS investment fund, the Treasurer need not be concerned with the qualifications of those financial institutions and broker/dealers with whom LAIF and California CLASS transacts business.

# 8. AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS

The District's investments are governed by California Government Code Sections 53600 et seq. Within the investments permitted by the Code, the District seeks to further restrict eligible investments to the guidelines listed below. In the event a discrepancy is found between this policy and the Code, the more restrictive parameters will take precedence. Percentage holding limits and credit rating requirements listed in this section apply at the time the security is purchased. The maximum maturity for an investment is measured from the settlement date to final maturity.

Any investment currently held at the time the policy is adopted which does not meet the new policy guidelines can be held until maturity, and shall be exempt from the current policy. At the time of the investment's maturity or liquidation, such funds shall be reinvested only as provided in the current policy.

The District is empowered by California Government Code Sections 53601 et seq. to invest in the following:

- a. Bonds issued by the District.
- b. United States Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds.
- c. Registered state warrants or treasury notes or bonds issued by the State of California.
- d. Registered treasury notes or bonds of any of the other 49 United States in addition to California, including bonds payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by a state or by a department, board, agency, or authority of any of the other 49 United States, in addition to California.
- e. Bonds, notes, warrants or other evidence of debt issued by a local agency within the State of California, including pooled investment accounts sponsored by the State of California, County Treasurers, other local agencies or joint powers agencies. The Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) is an approved pooled investment account.

- f. Federal agency or United States government-sponsored enterprise obligations, participations, or other instruments, including those issued by, or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by federal agencies or United States government-sponsored enterprises. No more than 30% of the portfolio may be invested in any single Agency/GSE issuer. The maximum percentage of callable agency securities in the portfolio is 20%.
- g. Bankers' acceptances, otherwise known as bills of exchange or time drafts, which are drawn on and accepted by a commercial bank. Purchase of bankers' acceptances may not exceed 180 days' maturity or 40% of the District's money that may be invested pursuant to this policy. However, no more than 30% of the District's money can be invested in the bankers' acceptances of any single commercial bank.
- h. Commercial paper of "prime" quality of the highest ranking or of the highest letter and number rating as provided for by a nationally recognized statistical-rating organization. The entity that issues the commercial paper shall either be:
  - (1) organized and operating within the United States, as a general corporation, shall have total assets in excess of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000), and shall issue debt, other than commercial paper, if any, that is rated in the "A" category or higher by a Nationally Recognized Statistical-Rating Organization (NRSRO); or
  - (2) organized within the United States as a special purpose corporation, trust, or limited liability company, have programwide credit enhancements including, but not limited to, overcollateralization, letters of credit, or surety bond, and has commercial paper that is rated "A-1" or higher, or the equivalent, by a NRSRO.
  - (3) eligible commercial paper shall have a maximum maturity of 270 days or less. The District shall invest no more than 25 percent of its money in eligible commercial paper. The District shall purchase no more than 10 percent of the outstanding commercial paper of any single corporate issue. No more than 5% of the total portfolio may be invested per issuer.
- i. Negotiable certificates of deposit issued by a nationally or state-chartered bank, a savings association or a federal association (as defined by Section 5102 of the Financial Code), a state or federal credit union, or by a state-licensed branch of a foreign bank. Purchases of negotiable certificates of deposit shall not exceed 30 percent of the District's money, subject to the limitations of Government Code Sections 53601(i) and 53638. The Board of Directors and the Treasurer are prohibited from investing District funds, or funds in the District's custody, in negotiable certificates of deposit issued by a state or federal credit union if a member of the Board of Directors, or any person with investment decision making authority within the District also serves on the board of directors, or any committee appointed by the board of directors, or the credit committee or the supervisory committee of the state or federal credit union issuing the negotiable certificates of deposit. No more than 5% of the total portfolio may be invested per issuer.

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- j. Placement service deposits, including certificates of deposit, at a commercial bank, savings bank, savings and loan association or credit union that uses a private sector entity that assists in the placement of such deposits shall not in total exceed 50 percent of the District's money, subject to the limitations and requirements of Government Code Section 53638 and 53601.8.
- k. Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements of any securities authorized by Section 53601. The market value of securities that underlay a repurchase agreement shall be valued at 102% or greater of the funds borrowed against those securities. Repurchase agreements are restricted to a maturity of one year, and are subject to the special limits and conditions of California Government Code 53601(j). Reverse repurchase agreements are subject to additional conditions, including a maximum maturity of 92 days in accordance with California Code 53601(j)(3).
- 1. Medium-term notes, defined as all corporate and depository institution debt securities with a maximum remaining maturity of five years or less, issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States or by depository institutions licensed by the United States or any state and operating within the United States. Notes eligible for investment under this subdivision shall be rated in a rating category of "A" or its equivalent, or better, by an NRSRO. Purchases of medium-term notes shall not include other instruments authorized by this policy and may not exceed 30 percent of the District's money which may be invested pursuant to this policy. No more than 10% of the total portfolio may be invested per issuer.
- m. Shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies (mutual funds) investing in the securities and obligations authorized by this policy, and shares in money market mutual funds, subject to the restrictions of Government Code Section 53601(*l*). The purchase price of investments under this subdivision shall not exceed 20 percent of the District's money that may be invested pursuant to this policy. However, no more than 10 percent of the District's money may be invested in any one mutual fund, except in the case of money market mutual funds. No more than 20% of the District's money may be invested in a single money market mutual fund that either:
  - (1) has attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating provided by not less than two (2) NRSROs; or
  - (2) has retained an investment adviser registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission with not less than five years' experience investing in the Securities and obligations authorized by California Government Code, Section 53601 and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.
- n. Moneys held by a trustee or fiscal agent and pledged to the payment or security of bonds or other indebtedness, or obligations under a lease, installment sale, or other agreement of a local agency, or certificates of participation in those bonds, indebtedness, or lease installment sale, or other agreements, may be invested in accordance with the statutory provisions governing the issuance of those bonds, indebtedness, or lease installment sale, or other agreement, or to the extent not

inconsistent therewith or if there are no specific statutory provisions, in accordance with the ordinance, resolution, indenture, or agreement of the local agency providing for the issuance.

- o. Notes, bonds, or other obligations that are at all times secured by a valid first priority security interest in securities of the types listed by Government Code Section 53651 as eligible securities for the purpose of securing local agency deposits having a market value at least equal to that required by Government Code Section 53652 for the purpose of securing local agency deposits. The securities serving as collateral shall be placed by delivery or book entry into the custody of a trust company or the trust department of a bank which is not affiliated with the issuer of the secured obligation, and the security interest shall be perfected in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Commercial Code or federal regulations applicable to the types of securities in which the security interest is granted.
- p. (i) Any mortgage passthrough security, collateralized mortgage obligation, mortgage-backed or other pay-through bond, equipment lease-backed certificate, consumer receivable passthrough certificate, or consumer receivable-backed bond.
  - (ii) For securities eligible for investment under this subdivision from issuers other than the US Treasury or a US Federal Agency/GSE, the following limitations shall apply: (A) the security shall be rated in a rating category of "AA" or its equivalent or better by a NRSRO and have a maximum maturity of five years or less; and (B) purchase of securities authorized by this subdivision may not exceed 20 percent of the District's money that may be invested pursuant to this policy.
- q. Proposition 1A receivables, as defined in subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 53610.
- r. Any other investment security authorized under the provisions of California Government Code 5922 and 53601.
- s. Supranational securities, provided they are U.S. dollar denominated senior unsecured unsubordinated obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation, or Inter-American Development Bank. The securities must be rated in the rating category of "AA" or its equivalent or better by an NRSRO. No more than 30% of the total portfolio may be invested in these securities and the maximum maturity of any security under this subdivision cannot exceed five (5) years. No more than 10% of the portfolio may be invested in any single issuer.

A summary of the limitations and special conditions that apply to each of the above listed investment securities is attached and is included by reference in this Investment Policy.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 53601.6, the District shall not invest any funds covered by this Investment Policy in inverse floaters, range notes, mortgage-derived interest-only strips, or any investment that may result in a zero-interest accrual if held to maturity. Under a provision sunsetting on January 1, 2026, securities backed by the U.S. Government that could result

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in a zero or negative interest accrual if held to maturity are permitted. The purchase of a security with a forward settlement exceeding 45 days from the time of the investment is prohibited.

# 9. <u>COLLATERALIZATION</u>

All certificates of deposits must be collateralized by United States Treasury Obligations. Collateral must be held by a third-party trustee and valued on a monthly basis. The percentage of collateralizations on repurchase and reverse agreements will adhere to the amount required under California Government Code Section 53601(j)(2).

# 10. SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY

All security transactions entered into by the District shall be conducted on delivery-versus-payment (DVP) basis. All securities purchased or acquired shall be delivered to the District by book entry, physical delivery or by third party custodial agreement. The only exceptions to the foregoing shall be depository accounts and securities purchases made with: (i) local government investment pools (e.g. LAIF); (ii) time certificates of deposit; and, (iii) mutual funds and money market mutual funds, since these securities are not deliverable.

# 11. <u>DIVERSIFICATION</u>

The District will diversify its investments by security type and institution. Assets shall be diversified to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer or a specific class of securities. Diversification strategies shall be determined and revised periodically, if determined necessary to meet District goals. In establishing specific diversification strategies, the following general policies and constraints shall apply:

- a. Portfolio maturity dates shall be matched versus liabilities to avoid undue concentration in a specific maturity sector.
- b. Maturities selected shall provide for stability of income and liquidity.
- c. Disbursement and payroll dates shall be covered through maturities of investments, marketable United States Treasury bills or other cash equivalent instruments such as money market mutual funds.

# 12. <u>MITIGATING CREDIT RISK IN THE PORTFOLIO</u>

Credit risk is the risk that a security or a portfolio will lose some or all of its value due to a real or perceived change in the ability of the issuer to repay its debt. The District will mitigate credit risk by adopting the following strategies:

a. No more than 5% of the total portfolio may be invested in securities of any single issuer, other than the US Government, its agencies and enterprises unless otherwise specified in this investment policy;

- b. The District may elect to sell a security prior to its maturity and record a capital gain or loss in order to improve the quality, liquidity or yield of the portfolio in response to market conditions or District's risk preferences; and
- c. If securities owned by the District are downgraded by either Moody's or S&P to a level below the quality required by this Investment Policy, it will be the District's policy to review the credit situation and make a determination as to whether to sell or retain such securities in the portfolio.
  - 1. If a security is downgraded, the Treasurer will use discretion in determining whether to sell or hold the security based on its current maturity, the economic outlook for the issuer, and other relevant factors.
  - **2.** If a decision is made to retain a downgraded security in the portfolio, its presence in the portfolio will be monitored and as deemed necessary reported to the Board of Directors.

# 13. <u>REPORTING</u>

The Treasurer shall submit a monthly transaction report to the Board of Directors within 30 days of the end of the reporting period in accordance with California Government Code Section 53607. In addition, the Treasurer shall submit an investment report to the Board of Directors at least quarterly. The report shall be submitted within 45 days following the end of the reporting period covered by the report. The report shall include a complete description of the portfolio, the type of investments, the issuers, maturity dates, par values and the current market values of each component of the portfolio, including funds managed for District by third party contracted managers. The report will also include the source of the portfolio valuation. If all funds are placed in LAIF, California CLASS or FDIC-insured accounts and/or in a county investment pool, the foregoing report elements may be replaced by copies of the latest statements from such institutions. The report must also include a certification that (1) all investment actions executed since the last report have been made in full compliance with the Investment Policy and, (2) the District will meet its expenditure obligations for the next six months, as required by Government Code Section 53646(b)(2) and (3), respectively. The Treasurer shall maintain a complete and timely record of all investment transactions.

# 14. INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTION

The Investment Policy shall be adopted by resolution of the District. Moreover, the Policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis, and modifications must be approved by the Board of Directors.

<b>PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED</b> by the Board of Directors of Pico Water District this 06th day of March,2024.		
Ayes:		
Nays:		
Abstains:		
Absent:		
	Raymond Rodriguez, President	
ATTEST:	Ç ,	
Joe D. Basulto, Secretary		

Govt. Code Section	Investment Type	Maximum <u>Maturity</u>	Authorized <u>Limit (%)</u>	Required <u>Rating</u>
53601(a)	Bonds issued by Pico Water District	5 years	None	None
53601(b)	U.S. Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds	5 years	None	None
53601(c)	California Warrants, Notes or Bonds	5 years	5 years	None
53601(d)	Other States' Treasury Notes or Bonds	N/A	5 years	None
53601(e)	Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
53601(f)	U.S. Agencies or Enterprises	5 years	30%; 20% callable	None
53601(g)	Bankers' Acceptances	180 days	40% (30% in any one bank)	None
53601(h) & 53601.8	Prime Commercial Paper	270 days	25% (10% in any one issue and 5% in one entity's paper)	A
53601(i)	Negotiable Certificates of Deposit and Certificates of Deposit placed through use of a private sector entity	5 years	30%; not more than 5% per issuer	None
53601(j)	Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements	1 year*	20%	None
53601(k)	Medium-Term Corporate Notes	5 years	30%; not more than 10% per issuer	A
53601( <i>l</i> )	Money Market Mutual Funds and Mutual Funds **	5 years	20% (10% in any single fund)	***
53601(m)	Bond/COP Funds	N/A	None	None
53601(n)	Collateralized Bank Deposits	5 years	None	None
53601(o)	Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	AA
53601(q)	Supranationals	5 years	30% (10% in any single issuer)	AA
53610	Proposition 1A Receivables	None	None	None

<sup>\*</sup> the one year limitation for Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreements is subject to a further limitation set forth in Government Code Section 53601(i)(4), which, if applicable, may limit the maturity to 92 days.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Mutual Funds maturity may be defined as the weighted average maturity; money market mutual funds must have an average maturity of 90 days or less, per SEC regulations.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Highest ratings from two of the top three rating agencies.

# PICO WATER DISTRICT

# **DISCUSSION ITEM - 7C**

C. Consider Board Approval of AKM
Consulting Engineers
Request for Budget
Amendment for Construction
Management and Inspection Services
for the Wells5A, 8, and 11 Treatment
Facilities

# STAFF REPORT

**To:** Honorable Board of Directors

From: Joe D. Basulto, General Manager

Meeting Date: March 06, 2024

Subject: Consider Board Approval of AKM Consulting Engineers Request for Budget Amendment for

Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Wells 5A, 8, and 11 Treatment

**Facilities** 

#### **Recommendation:**

Board / Discussion & Approve

# **Fiscal Impact:**

General Fund for PFAS Treatment Project

### **Background:**

Regarding request for Budget amendment for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Wells 5A, 8, and 11 PFAS treatment facilities.

Currently we have a balance with AKM for Project / Construction Management, Inspection, Soil, and Concrete testing, in addition to the development of the Engineering Report and Operation Maintenance Management Plan in the amount of \$208,747.

As the project end date is not currently known and is mostly dependent on the State Division of Drinking Water approval of the Engineering Report and Operation Maintenance Management Plan. And the remaining work wich consist of pressure testing and disinfection of each treatment facility, placement of resin into the ion exchange vessels, water quality testing and commissioning of well and submitting a completion report to WRD, estimated cost is \$52,184.

Total request for amendment is \$260,931. To complete project as described in attachment.



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January 25, 2024

**Pico Water District** 

4843 Church Street Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Attention: Mr. Joe Basulto, General Manager

Subject: Request for Budget Amendment for Construction Management and

Inspection Services for the Wells 5A, 8, and 11 PFAS Treatment Facilities

Dear Mr. Basulto,

The Pico Water District awarded AKM Consulting Engineers (AKM) a project management, construction management and inspection contract in May 2022 for the Wells 5A, 8, and 11 PFAS Treatment Facilities. The bids for the project were opened on December 21, 2021, with award to RC Foster Corporation. The Pre-construction Meeting was held on January 20, 2022. Construction started on November 2, 2022 due to RC Foster not being available. AKM had to provide more work on the project than anticipated as follows:

The project management, construction management and inspection budget was \$140,715. It included 120 hours of project management, 120 hours of construction management, and 500 hours of inspection.

Our proposal was based on the majority of the site work and below ground piping installation being performed concurrently and only the final connections and switchover to the treatment system would be conducted one site at a time. However, the work has been performed one site at a time, and construction work has taken much longer than expected, which required significantly more construction management and inspection effort. As of December 1, 2023, the work continued for 56 weeks with 187 days of inspection, requiring 1411 hours of inspection time (911 hours more than the original budget, \$148,493). This extended duration of the project also required 10 additional hours of Project Manager time (\$2,320) as well as 200 additional hours of Construction Manager time (\$43,800). Additionally, the project required \$14,134 in soil compaction and concrete testing, which was not included in the original budget. The total Construction Management and Inspection cost incurred above the original budget as of January 24, 2024 is \$208,747.

The project's end date is not currently known, and is mostly dependent on the Division of Drinking Water's approval of the Operation and Maintenance Management Plan and the

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Engineering Report. Remaining work consists of pressure testing and disinfection of each treatment facility, placement of resin into the ion exchange vessels, water quality testing, and commissioning, as well as submitting a completion report for WRD. We expect additional 24 hours of Project Manager (\$5,568), 64 hours of Construction Manager (\$14,016), and 200 hours of inspection (\$32,600) for the remaining work, with a total cost of \$52,184.

We request a budget augmentation of \$260,931 to complete the project, as described above.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Very truly yours,

**AKM Consulting Engineers** 

Zeki Kayiran, P.E.

Principal

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# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

# INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PFAS Project / Well #5A – Update

# PICO WATER DISTRICT

# PFAS PROJECT / WELL #5A UPDATE INFORMATION PROVIDED DAY of MEETING