



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. There 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.

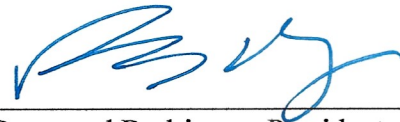
Vice President Victor Caballero proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported on information items, PFAS Project/ Well # 5A, and gave an update on pending permits from the State.

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

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
(Seal)

