



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, April 3, 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.

Director David Gonzales led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice President Victor Caballero gave the invocation.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There was one person on zoom, Office Manager Tomas Rivera and one person in the audience, Lee Squire. Lee Squire made comments regarding his findings of potential financial statement fraud against Alex Rojas, General Manager at Central Basin Municipal Water District and related issues that have occurred at that district. Mr. Squire informed the Central Basin board members at their last board meeting and will continue to give Pico Water District updates about the case.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director David Angelo 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. Consider approval of March 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. President Raymond Rodriguez made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented, and Vice President Victor Caballero 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 Board Approval of Surplus Field Service Truck; to be Sold at Auction with Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers. The General Manager discussed the District has a 2009 Ford F150 vehicle. The current mileage is 61,445 miles and in the last two years it has been non-operable due to wear and tear on the motor and transmission. The General Manager's recommendation is to deem that vehicle to be surplus property and approve sending it to auction. The next auction is April 15, 2024 for Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers. Director David Gonzales made

the motion to declare the 2009 Ford F150 vehicle as surplus property to be sold at auction and Vice President Victor Caballero 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 B. Consider Board Approval of withdrawing 100% of the Districts Cambridge C.D. Investment. The General Manager stated that currently the CD with Cambridge Investments Research has past its maturity. Consulting with the financial team, Eide Bailey, and with management staff, it has been determined it will be in the District's best interest to withdraw the CD from the current account and to put those funds to use in connection with the repair of Well 5A. Director David Angelo made the motion to withdraw those funds 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, Action/Discussion Items. Action Item C. Consider Board Approval of Director attendance to AWWA 2024 Annual Conference & Expo (ACE24). The General Manager briefly discussed the AWWA 2024 Annual Conference & Expo (ACE24). President Raymond Rodriguez made the motion to approve directors' attendance at the ACE24 conference and Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0 – 1, with Director Pete Ramirez abstaining.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported on the monthly staff meeting and going over the monthly field schedule. There were a few minor leaks, nothing too major. The field staff was also able to get a sample from Well #6 and turn around time is about 4-6 weeks for results for that test for PFAS.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa, reported that the mandatory settlement conference in the City of Pico Rivera prior rights litigation will be Friday, April 12th. Matt Pero will be getting in contact with everybody to confirm attendance. Mr. Pero will be filing an updated mandatory settlement conference statement with the court. There will be no closed session this evening. He also worked with the General Manager to get all records delivered to the attorneys for the City of Pico Rivera under their Public Records Act request. The 3M settlement for PFAS was approved by the court. He has not seen an email from the litigation counsel for the claims deadlines that are set in connection with that approval.

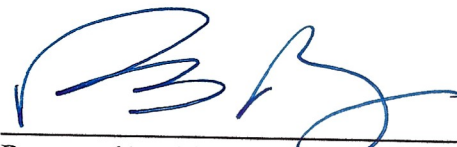
President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported on information items, PFAS Project / Well #5A – Update. He stated the District has submitted its response to comments back to DDW, Division of Drinking Water, for its review. General Pump was out this week to brush and bail Well #5A and it was video logged. General Pump did not see any significant problems with the well. The General Manager will provide some photos from the well work at the next board meeting.

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 inquired about AB 2079, a bill regarding groundwater. Legal Counsel Ciampa stated that bill initially related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which applies to unadjudicated basins, but has since been amended to address large capacity wells.

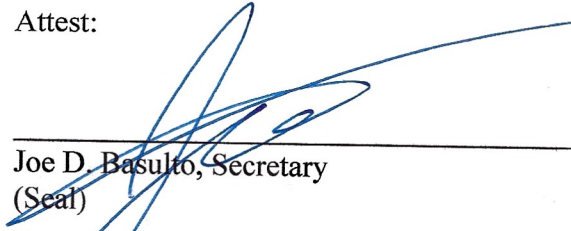
President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. There is no closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on April 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm.



Raymond Rodriguez, President

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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