



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, May 1, 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 and President Raymond Rodriguez. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District, was in attendance via Zoom.

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

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There was one other person in attendance via Zoom. There were no public comments.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Vice President Victor Caballero made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented 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. Director Pete Ramirez made the motion to adopt the Consent Calendar, which consisted of approval of the April 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and President Raymond Rodriguez 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. There were none at this time.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported on the following day having a monthly staff meeting where staff will be reviewing scheduled work for the month of May, such as meter reading, maintenance and committee meeting. The following week will be residential and commercial turn offs. The office staff will be working on contacting customers to pay their past due balances prior to disconnection. There have been a few minor leaks on service lines, but no major problems. The lead and copper water line testing, as required under federal law, is still ongoing. The District work truck was sold at auction at Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers for \$ 8,250.00.

The auctioneers will get 13% of that and the rest will be given to the District. Payment was received for the King Capital account, which will be used to pay for the work at Well #5A. The General Manager will also meet with Eide Bailly regarding the budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024. A deposit was received from Rancho Unified School District for a project that the District is currently working on. They are currently working on permits for installing water service for their project on Mines Ave. A construction deposit was also received for 6608 Bequette Avenue for the new construction project for a 1" meter service line. The General Manager is currently waiting on a deposit for the project on the 9000 block of Beverly Blvd., near the Norms Restaurant. There will be a mainline extension across the street from Beverly Blvd. Starting today, the maintenance position has opened up for people to begin applying. There was nothing further to report.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa, reported on receiving copies of petition for a writ of mandate filed by the City of Pico Rivera on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. This case will be discussed at the next scheduled board meeting in closed session. The General Manager has a copy of the petition and any board member is welcome to review the petition.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reported that on the PFAS Project/ Well #5A Update, the column pipes have been installed and completed. It should be back online by the end of next week and will be sampled. The progress is going well. The General Manager did hear back from DDW regarding the review and had to make some additions to the well start-up procedures. Mr. Basulto met with AKM to go over start up procedures for Well #11.

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. There were no comments.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Closed session began at 5:53 p.m. Closed session ended at 5:57. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa reported on the closed session report. The closed session was held under 12A. 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 updated on the status of that litigation. 12B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: *Manuel Hernandez v. Pico Water District*. The Board considered the claim submitted by Mr. Hernandez and unanimously voted to reject that claim and directed legal counsel to provide notice of that rejection to the claimant.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on May 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.


Raymond Rodriguez, President

Attest:


Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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