



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, June 5, 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 were 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 attended via Zoom (arrived at 5:49 p.m.).

Vice President Victor Caballero led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and President Ray Rodriguez gave the invocation. The Board dedicated tonight's meeting to John Sherman, the Superintendent of the El Rancho Unified School District who recently passed away.

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

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director David Angelo made the motion to adopt the agenda 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, approval of Consent Calendar, consisting of the May 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director David Gonzales made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented, 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. Action Item 7A. Consider Board Approval of 2025 Fiscal Year Budget & Capital Improvement Projects; presentation by Eide Bailly and the General Manager. The General Manager introduced Scott Nelsen and Corey Mize from Eide Bailly LLP who presented the 2025 Fiscal Year Budget & Capital Improvement Projects. Briefly discussed was the proposed budget summary and operating expense detail. Mr. Nelson then reviewed expense line item and compared 2024's expenses to projected expenses for 2025. The Board of Directors and General Manager both discussed the expense detail and expected PFAS treatment costs.

Director David Gonzales made the motion to adopt the 2025 Fiscal Year Budget and Capital Improvement Projects in the form 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, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported on field and office staff attending the ACE Conference in Anaheim next week. Staff will be attending classes, touring the exhibit hall, and seeing the different competitions. There were 13 residential accounts that were turned off due to non-payment and one account turn-off is still pending because of the remaining past due balance. There were no commercial accounts turned off. This month, June, is the second billing month for commercial accounts with the rate increase in effect and the first month for residential accounts. Well #5 was flushed, sampled, and is now back online running. With respect to Well #11, the District has had contact with the DDW engineer and has submitted the requested documentation.

With respect to the LIHWAP, Low Income Housing Water Assistance Program, the Office Manager was notified that program is no longer accepting new applications. Two payments were received from that program for one customer and she received assistance for that one month. The Maintenance Worker position that was open has not been closed and the General Manager and Director of Operations are currently reviewing applications. The General Manager had a brief meeting on Monday, June 3 with the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was regarding inviting the District to attend a banquet event on June 27. The General Manager also let the Board know that Joe Dermody, a former general manager at the District recently passed away. Director David Gonzales asked about the Mines and Passons Project and when it will be completed. President Ray Rodriguez stated that project expected by is expected to be completed by the end of October 2024.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa, had nothing to report.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. There were none at this time.

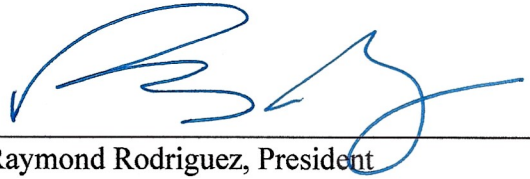
President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Future Agenda Items. There were none at this time.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director Pete Ramirez commented on the awards ceremony for El Rancho High School and the District scholarship awarded to the young student.

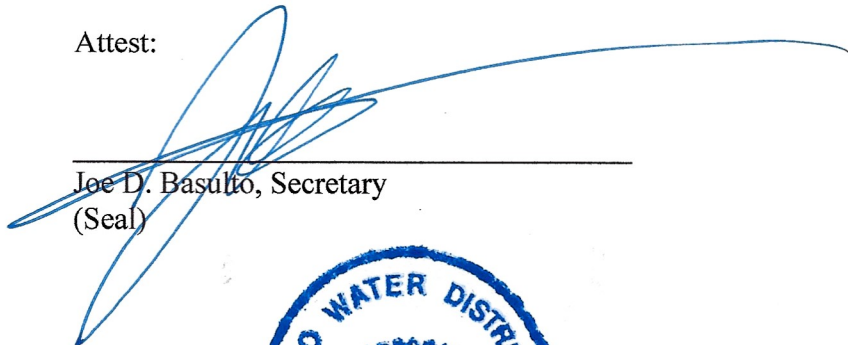
President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Closed session began at 6:40 p.m. Closed session ended at 6:56 p.m. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa reported on the closed session report. The closed session was held under 12A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: Pico Water District v. City of Pico Rivera, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22NWCV00967 and 12B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: City of Pico Rivera v. Pico Water District, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 24NWCP00165. The board was briefed

on the current status of those two cases and no reportable action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on June 19, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

  
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Raymond Rodriguez, President

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Joe D. Basulto, Secretary  
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