



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, September 4, 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 present via Zoom.

The General Manager, Joe Basulto led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and Director Pete Ramirez gave the invocation.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. No comments were made.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director David Gonzales made the motion to adopt and Director David Angelo seconded the motion. The General Manager announced 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 approval of the August 15, 2024 Special Board Meeting minutes, approval of the August 21 Regular Board Meeting minutes and approval of the Board of Directors' attendance at the 2024 ACWA Fall Conference. Vice President Victor Caballero made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented, and Director David Angelo seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action/ Discussion Items. Item 7A. Consider Board Approval of Pico Water District position to opt-in or opt-out in the PFAS Settlement Program of Tyco and BASF.. The General Manager asked the Board to consider approval of Pico Water District position to opt-in or opt-out of the proposed settlement with Tyco and BASF with the PFAS Multi-District Litigation in which the District is a party. General Manager Basulto stated the District is eligible to participate in this settlement with those two parties. The good faith estimate prepared on behalf of the District's special counsel in that litigation shows the following potential recoveries: from BASF \$144,512.00; and from Tyco, \$36,253.00, for a total of good faith estimate of \$490,764.00. The General Manager stated the District needs to decide whether to opt-in or opt-out of participating in those settlements as the deadlines for that decision is September 23, 2024. Mr. Basulto recommended the District opt-in to

those settlements. Legal counsel also recommends and advises that both of these settlements are fair, reasonable and represent the best chance needed for recovery and compensation to recover the PFAS-related costs the District has incurred. Director David Gonzales made the motion for the District to opt-in to the proposed settlements with Tyco and BASF and Director Pete Ramirez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced 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 the recent monthly staff meeting and presented the monthly quote he gave at the staff meeting. Today was also turn off for residential past due accounts. Thirteen accounts were turned off and locked and by the end of the day twelve customers had paid and water service was restored. The field staff encountered a few minor leaks and there was one emergency leak over the weekend that was fixed. The field staff, with addition to the two new staff members, are moving quickly through the lead service line inspections. The General Manager has not received any response to the latest comments submitted to DDW for the permit for Well #11. L.A. Metro will also do a presentation at some time in October for the Board of Directors regarding its project and its impact on District facilities. He also stated that regarding the Whittier Daily article that was recently published, he thought the article was a neutral article about the District. The General Manager informed the board that if any director had ideas for the staff appreciation event, they were more than welcome to stop by the office to discuss their ideas with him.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel had nothing to report at this time.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items, 9A. Scholarship Letter, El Rancho School District sent a thank you letter to the District.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's Request for Future Items, none at this time.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director Pete Ramirez commented briefly on the technical issues at Central Basin Municipal Water District and the ongoing audit investigation.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. No closed session was held.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on September 18, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Attest:

Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
(Seal)

Raymond Rodriguez, President

