



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 18, 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 Gonzales, Director Pete Ramirez, Vice President Victor Caballero, President Raymond Rodriguez and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District was present via Zoom. Director David Angelo was absent from this meeting.

President Raymond Rodriguez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and the General Manager, Joe Basulto, 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 Pete Ramirez made the motion to adopt the Agenda as presented and Vice President Victor Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4 – 0.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar, consisting of approval of the September 4, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, approval of the accounts now due and payable and to receive and file bills approved by the General Manager in July 2024, and approval of the July 2024 Financial Statements. The Office Manager, Tomas Rivera gave a brief report on item 6C, the July 2024 Financial Statements. Director Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented and President Raymond Rodriguez seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4-0.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action/ Discussion Items. Item 7A. Consider Board Approval of Funding Capital Improvement Project Replacement of Meters with Funding from the Capacity Charge Account. The General Manager stated that at the start of the year, the Capacity Charge Account had a balance of \$34,991.79, but with additional construction work that began in the District over the last 8 months, the Capacity Charge Account balance has increased to a total of \$551,114.53. The General Manager requested Board approval to use \$150,000 of that amount for the purchase, installation and replacement of meters, with quantity 46 1-inch meters, 3-inch, 3/4-inch and 5/8-inch radio read meters to continue

with the meter replacement CIP Project. Director Pete Ramirez moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of not to exceed \$150,000 from the Capacity Charge Account for the acquisition and installation of new radio read water meters as specified on the staff report for this item. Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4– 0.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported on the field staff completing their lead and copper inspections, with a total of 4,800 lines being tested so far. There are about 500-600 left to test, which will be completed by the end of the week of September 23. Once the testing is completed, field staff will submit the results prior to the October 16 deadline. The field staff is currently in the middle of doing re-reads for abnormal usage. Billing will be done by the end of the month. The new District credit card has been received, activated and is being used. Credit cards for the Office Manager and District of Operations have been issued and will be received soon. There was a mechanic on site at Well# 11 to work on the variable frequency drive because a high voltage relay was found to be failing. Well #11 is currently offline until a part gets replaced to reactivate that well. The General Manager and Director of Operations had a meeting with L.A. Metro that went well. On September 5, the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce presented the District with a certificate of appreciation for the District's sponsorship of the 2024 installation and awards banquet. The General Manager also attended a business event held by the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce that was very informative.

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

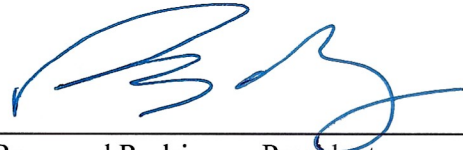
President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items, the General Manager reported on the water levels for August 2024. Well #8 water levels were lower by 5 feet, Well 5A was also lower by 7 feet, Well # 8 was lower by 11 feet, Well #10 was lower by 4 feet, and Well #11 was lower by 1 foot. Statewide, the reservoirs are remaining at good levels, most above average. The Director of Operations gave a report for the Month's Activity, the Ground Water Well Production, and the Water Audit Report, which showed the District has water loss of approximately 3%, which is outstanding.

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. Vice President Victor Caballero briefly commented on the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce and meeting with C.R. May. He also stated that getting more involved with the Chamber of Commerce is a great benefit to the District.

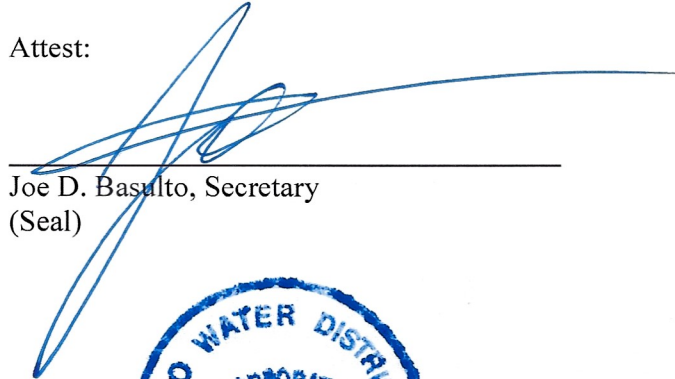
President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Close session began at 6:09 p.m. and ended at 6:23 p.m. Mr. Jim Ciampa reported on the closed session items for (i) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: Pico Water District v. City of Pico Rivera, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22NWCV00967; and (ii) 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 6:24 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on October 02, 2024 at 5:30 pm.



Raymond Rodriguez, President

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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