



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 07, 2025 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. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District arrived at 5:35 p.m.

President Raymond Rodriguez 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 were no comments.

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, 5 – 0.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, approval of Consent Calendar, consisting of the April 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes; consideration of accounts now due and payable and receiving and filing of bills approved by the General Manager in March 2025; and consideration of the March 2025 Financial Statement. The Office Manager, Tomas Rivera briefly reviewed the March 2025 Financial Statement. President Raymond Rodriguez made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar of the above-referenced items 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, Consider Board Approval of Scholarship Recipients. Four candidates submitted scholarship applications and two scholarships will be awarded. After discussion, the Board of Directors approved awarding the scholarships to Ashley Rivera and Evan Tabullo by motion made by President Raymond Rodriguez and seconded by Director David Gonzales. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Consider Board Approval of Rent Adjustment of District House. Mr. Basulto recommended a rent increase of ten

percent (10%) to take effect on July 1, 2025, as rent has not been adjusted at that property since February 2023. Mr. Basulto further recommended a 10% increase each year for the next four following years. The Board Members briefly discussed the proposed rent increase. Director David Angelo made the motion to approve for a 10% rent increase each year for the next five years for the District House starting July 1, 2025 and continuing on July 1 of each following year and Director David Gonzales 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, Discussion of Well #4A Rehabilitation Project. The General Manager reviewed the proposed rehabilitation of Well #4 and the expected budget to get it operational in the next year. A discussion occurred and the item will be discussed in a future agenda item.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reviewed staff's monthly schedule for May. The General Manager also reviewed the monthly quote for the month and Mental Health Awareness month. He reviewed the turn offs over the past week: 10 residential accounts and 3 commercial accounts were turned off for non-payment. There is only one commercial account still pending to be restored. There is an upcoming meeting regarding the draft of the 2025-26 budget. The General Manager and Director of Operations are working on the Water Quality Report for the Consumer Confidence Report, that will also be a newsletter for customers. The General Manager is currently working on a cross-connection control plan and will bring it to the Board for approval by the end of June. He gave a brief update on the PFAS Project and presented the approved permit for Well #11 to operate. That new well is now operating and doing well. President Raymond Rodriguez suggested putting out a notice to customers letting them know the new treatment site is in operation.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel Ciampa briefly reviewed the new cross-connection control requirements the State Water Resources Control Board has established. He stated the District has had a cross-connection plan in place for decades. He stated the State Water Board has imposed new requirements, including that an agency must have a cross-connection specialist either employed by the agency or under contract with other agencies. The updated plan will meet the new State requirements. He also reported the State Water Project increased the allocation from 40% to 50%.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items, the Board will review at their leisure.

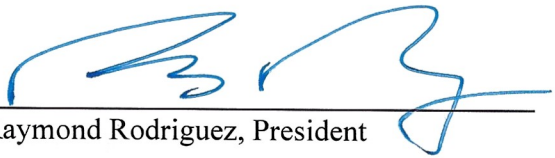
President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's Request for Future Items. There are none at this time.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director Pete Ramirez suggested formulating a letter to the Rancho Unified School District Board regarding a recent event to which the Pico Water District did not receive an invitation. The Board further discussed the issue and determined that personal interaction at Chamber of Commerce may be a more effective way to address the issue.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Closed session began at 6:37 p.m. and ended at 6:42 p.m. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa reported on

the closed session report. The closed session was held under item 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 current status of that matter. Item 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 updated on the current status of that case and was notified that the City of Pico Rivera had filed an appeal of the judgment in that case.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on May 21, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

  
Raymond Rodriguez, President

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Joe D. Basulto, Secretary  
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