



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 21, 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 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.

Vice President Victor Caballero led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and President Raymond Rodriguez gave the invocation.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. Lee Squire, Vietnam Veteran, spoke about the false claims made against him by some of the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) Board Members. He briefly spoke about the charges filed against him for supposed threats made by him at CBMWD Board Meetings. He also reported on the Capstone Investigation Report and a lawsuit against West Basin Municipal Water District for violations of Proposition 218 relative to that district's standby charge and gave his opinion that CBMWD has committed those same violations.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director David Angelo made the motion to adopt the Agenda as presented 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, approval of Consent Calendar, consisting of approval of the May 7, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. President Raymond Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Calendar, 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, Action/ Discussion Items. 7A. Consider Board Approval of Production Supervisor Salary Structure Adjustment. Mr. Basulto briefly discussed his recommendation for the Production Supervisor's Salary Structure Adjustment and stated the Production Supervisor agreed to that change. Director David Gonzales made the motion to approve the Production Supervisor Salary Structure Adjustment from hourly to exempt status, 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. 7B. Consider Board Approval of Well 4A Rehabilitation Contractor. Mr. Basulto recommended that the contract in the amount of \$271,857.99 for the Well #4A Rehabilitation Project be awarded to General Pump Company, based on the fact its proposal was the only proposal received within the required time frame. Vice President Victor Caballero made the motion to approve the award of the Well 4A rehabilitation contract to General Pump Company in the amount of \$271,857.99 and President Raymond Rodriguez 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. 7C. Consider Board Approval of Professional Services Construction Management & Assessment of Well #4A Rehabilitation by ENGEO Engineering. The General Manager briefly discussed the reasons to engage ENGEO as a consultant for the Well #4A Rehabilitation Project, under a contract in the amount of \$83,800, with an increase to \$99,500 if the liner option is necessary. President Raymond Rodriguez made the motion to approve the award of the contract to ENGEO, as specified, 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, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reported on the field staff repairing a service line leak on Beverly Road, and there were no other major leaks to report. Meter reading was just finished the week prior, and field staff has stated doing re-reads. Field staff is still continuing to replace meters. Management and Eide Bailly are continuing to work on the 2025-26 Budget. The General Manager met with CV Strategies to discuss the annual Consumer Confidence Report and keeping the District's customers up to date with progress and news. Well #11 has been operating, with a few minor issues. It has been generating a lot of heat, which is causing the motor to have to work harder. The AC unit had to be maintained to keep everything underheated. There was also an issue with the SCDA system. These minor issues are getting resolved while the well remains in operation. The General Manager had a recent meeting with AKM regarding finalizing the operating plan for Well #8 to submit the plan to the Division of Drinking Water by May 30. Mr. Basulto informed the Board regarding the scholarship award ceremony at El Rancho Unified School District and the flyer he gave the Board Members has the information as well. He also informed the Board of the coming Memorial weekend and the Observance of Memorial Day on May 26, 2025. Mr. Basulto briefly reviewed the well levels at the request of Director Angelo.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel Ciampa stated he checked online to see if there was any information on the Governor's budget including money for local water storage projects and no information was found. He stated there may be grant funding available under Proposition 4, but that may be difficult to obtain. He also mentioned the state is facing a significant budget deficit, which will make general fund monies difficult to obtain.

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

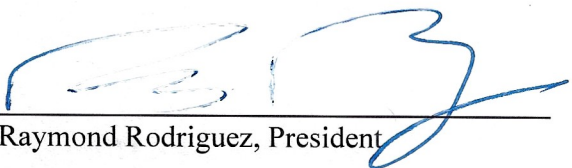


President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's Request for Future Items. Director David Angelo requested more information on the District possibly being designated as a Purple Heart District.

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

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Closed session began at 6:09 p.m. and ended at 6:15 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. 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. 12C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: Manuel Hernandez v. Pico Water District. The Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of all three cases and no reportable action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on June 04, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

  
Raymond Rodriguez, President

Attest:

  
Joe D. Basulto, Secretary  
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