



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, October 1, 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 Gonzales, Director Pete Ramirez, Vice President Victor Caballero, and President Raymond Rodriguez. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District. Director David Angelo was absent. Shawn Harkness of CV Strategies also was in attendance.

President Raymond Rodriguez led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and Joe Basulto, General Manager, 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 David Gonzales made the motion to adopt and Vice President Victor Caballero seconded the motion. The General Manager announced that the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4-0, one absent.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Approval of Consent Calendar, consisting of: (A) approval of September 9, 2025 Special Board Meeting minutes; (B) approval of September 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes; (C) consideration of accounts now due and payable and receipt and filing of bills approved by the General Manager in August 2025; and (D) consideration of the August 2025 Financial Statement. Tomas Rivera, Office Manager, presented a brief review of the Financial Statement for August 2025. Director Pete Ramirez made the motion to approved the Consent Calendar as presented, and Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The General Manager announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4-0, one absent.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager shared the October quote of the month, selected by Director of Operations, Matt Tryon: "Water is the driving force of all nature" – Leonardo da Vinci, and briefly discussed its relevance to the District's mission. He noted the upcoming staff meeting on Thursday, October 2, which will cover meter reading, scheduling, and project updates. Residential and commercial shut-offs are scheduled for October 7, with the number of affected accounts to be reported at the next Board meeting. He provided updates on Well #4, stating the

sealing work is complete and initial pump testing yielded 650–700 GPM. Additional testing, including chemical treatment, is planned. County and State representatives recently visited the site, and Phase Two is moving forward with Civiltec Engineering. At Well #5A, daily flushing continues to prevent bacterial growth following a resin exchange, with the project cost estimated at \$270,000. For Well #8, after a high plate count was found in new resin, a peroxide flush was performed by Ecolab, and follow-up samples are pending. The revised MMP has been submitted to DDW. The General Manager also informed the Board about an upcoming ACWA Region event and introduced the District's new quarterly newsletter, "Our Water, Our Community," which includes project highlights, mentions the District's 100th anniversary in 2026, and this year's toy drive.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Mr. Ciampa, reported the State Legislature concluded its session on September 13. Mr. Basulto raised Senate Bill 454 to Mr. Ciampa's attention, which proposes the establishment of a PFAS Mitigation Fund to assist water systems in addressing contamination from PFAS. The bill was passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor on September 17 but has not yet been signed into law. Mr. Ciampa provided a brief overview of the bill, including that it does not include the appropriation of any funding, and its potential implications for water agencies.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager informed the Board about the upcoming Chamber of Commerce event taking place on October 18 at the Pico Rivera Golf Club. The event, titled the Business Community and Family Wellness Expo, is intended to engage local businesses and families in community resources and wellness initiatives.

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

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director Pete Ramirez briefly commented on the most recent Central Basin Municipal Water District Board meeting, sharing general observations with the Board. Director David Gonzales expressed his appreciation to the General Manager for the positive changes made during his two years as General Manager with the District.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Closed session began at 5:59 p.m. and ended at 6:07 p.m. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa, reported on the closed session report. Closed session was held on Item 12B, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)), regarding *City of Pico Rivera v. Pico Water District*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 24NWCP00165, the Board was updated on the status of the case, no reportable action was taken. There was no discussion of items 12A, C, or D.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on October 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.


Raymond Rodriguez, President

Attest:


Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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