



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, November 19, 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, and President Raymond Rodriguez. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District was present via Zoom.

Office Manager, Tomas Rivera led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and Director David Angelo gave the invocation.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. Mr. Gonzales, a former employee of the El Rancho Unified School District, addressed the Board regarding concerns about water fountain conditions at school sites. He reported that several fountains are corroded and unsanitary and informed the school district on numerous occasions without corrective action being taken. Mr. Gonzales indicated he believes his recent termination was related to raising these concerns. He requested assistance or guidance from the District to ensure the issue is resolved for the safety and well-being of students.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director Pete Ramirez made the motion to adopt the Agenda 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, Approval of Consent Calendar, consisting of the approval of the November 5, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar 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, Action/Discussion Items. Action Item 7A. Consider Approval of rescheduling of Regular Board Meeting of the Directors Pico Water District from December 3rd to December 9th at 5:30 p.m. Director David Gonzales made the motion to reschedule the regularly scheduled December 3 Board of Directors' meeting to Tuesday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m. 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, Action/ Discussion Items. Action Item 7B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 66 Establishing Regulations and Penalties for Water Theft. The General Manager stated Ordinance No. 66 proposes establishing clear regulations and updated penalties related to water theft from District facilities, including fire hydrants. The District currently lacks a dedicated ordinance addressing this issue, relying instead on outdated unauthorized-use penalties listed in Appendix D of the Rules and Regulations. The General Manager noted ongoing incidents of illegal hydrant connections, meter bypassing, and tampering with District infrastructure, which result in revenue loss, increased maintenance costs, and potential public health and safety concerns. The proposed ordinance is intended to strengthen enforcement and provide greater clarity and consistency for the community. No motion was required and the ordinance must be publicly posted prior to Board action to possibly approve the ordinance at the next Board meeting on December 9th.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reviewed November's Quote of Gratitude and provided an update on field operations. Meter reading for the December billing cycle has been completed, and field staff are now conducting re-reads in preparation for billing. The General Manager reported that on Friday, November 14th, a power glitch caused one of the wells to shut down, resulting in system disruptions and numerous calls from residents regarding water outages. A mainline leak in the Mines Avenue area near Smith Park further delayed the system's restart, making it difficult to restore normal operating pressure. During the repair of the 8" AC mainline, a gas line break also occurred, requiring field staff to pause repair work until the gas company completed its response so the contractor could safely continue repairs. Once the gas line issue was resolved, the well was brought back online and system operations were restored. The General Manager provided updates on field operations and the District's wells. Well updates: Well #4 is awaiting chemicals and scheduling with General Pump; Well #5 is progressing with discharge line work and County-required plan adjustments, with the Operation & Maintenance Plan due soon; Well #8 is running smoothly with updated programming and successful sampling; Well #11 has returned to normal operation following the recent outage. The General Manager concluded by wishing the Board a Happy Thanksgiving.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Mr. Ciampa had nothing to report.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. The General Manager reviewed the Water Level Report for October 2025 and the State Reservoir Conditions as of November 12, 2025. The Director of Operations, Matt Tryon, presented the Field Operations Monthly Activity Report and the Monthly Groundwater Well Production Report. The General Manager also highlighted upcoming events, including the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce Christmas Toy Drive on December 13, 2025, and the Pico Water District Employee Appreciation Event on November 20, 2025.

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.

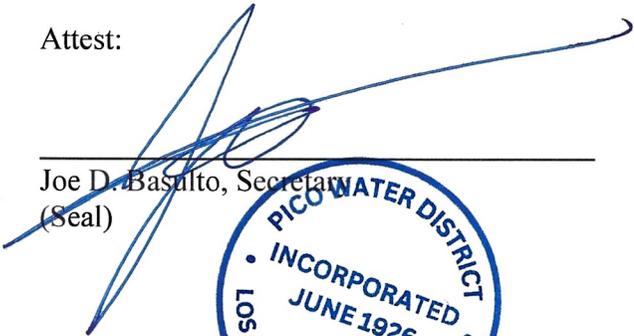
President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. Closed session began at 6:14 p.m. and ended at 6:20 p.m. Legal Counsel, Jim Ciampa reported on the closed session report. There was no closed session on items 12 A. -12 C. Closed session was held on item 12 D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]: One case. The Board was updated on the facts and circumstances of that matter, no reportable action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next Regular Meeting, as rescheduled, will be held on December 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.



Raymond Rodriguez, President

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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