



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, January 7, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

The District's Director of Operations, Matt Tryon, proceeded with the roll call of the attending Board members. Present from the beginning of the meeting were Director David Angelo, Director Victor Caballero, Vice President Pete Ramirez, President Raymond Rodriguez, and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District was present. The General Manager, Joe Basulto, participated via Zoom and Director David Gonzales arrived at 5:58 p.m.

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

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There were none.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director David Angelo made the motion to adopt the Agenda as presented and Director Victor Caballero seconded the motion. The Director of Operations 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: (a) approval of the December 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, (b) approval of accounts now due and payable, and receive and file bills approved by General Manager November 2025, and (c) approval of November 2025 Financial Statement. The Office Manager, Tomas Rivera, provided a brief presentation of the November Financial Statement and highlighted key financial information. Director David Angelo made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as described above and President Raymond Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Director of Operations announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4-0.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action/Discussion Items. Action Item 7A. Consider Board Approval Attendance of the ACWA 2026 Spring and Fall Conference & Expo. The Director of Operations briefly presented the item for Board consideration. Pursuant to Resolution No. 214-R, Section 1-E, Board Members are limited to attending a total of two conferences per calendar year. In reviewing the conferences scheduled for 2026, staff proposed that the Board of Directors and Pico Water District's Management Team be approved to attend the AWWA 2026 Fall Conference & Expo, to be held May 5-7, 2026 in

Sacramento, California, and the ACWA 2026 Fall Conference & Expo, to be held December 1–3, 2026 in Anaheim, California. Staff noted that approval of the proposed conferences would allow for proper planning and preparation of travel accommodations. Vice President Pete Ramirez asked how many meetings a Director may attend and receive compensation in a particular day. Mr. Ciampa responded that compensation is limited to one meeting per day. Vice President Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve attendance at the ACWA Spring and Fall Conferences and Director Victor Caballero seconded the motion. The Director of Operations announced the motion passed by roll-call vote, 4-0.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action/Discussion Items. Action Item 7B. Discussion of Pico Water District's 100th year Anniversary Celebration Itinerary. General Manager Basulto, provided a brief overview of the proposed plans for Pico Water District's 100th Year Anniversary Celebration and presented a draft itinerary for the Board's review. Mr. Basulto went into detail regarding the proposed itinerary, noting that the event is scheduled for June 26, 2026 at the WRD Albert Robles Center with an anticipated capacity of approximately 150 guests. The proposed program would include a formal presentation and ceremony, followed by a luncheon and a staff photograph. The item was presented for Board discussion and direction, and discussion ensued among all Directors.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The Director of Operations reviewed the December quote: "*We all get the exact same 365 days. The only difference is what we do with them.*" — Hillary Depiano. The Director of Operations reported on a meeting held with staff on Monday, January 5 to discuss the upcoming January schedule for billing and field operations. Mr. Tryon also reported on residential and commercial account disconnections, noting there were six service turn-offs due to nonpayment. In addition, he provided an update on Well # 4A, stating that work will resume next week, beginning with a video inspection followed by installation of a test pump.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Mr. Ciampa, reported that the Legislature returned to session on Monday, January 5 and that the next six weeks are expected to be busy with the introduction of new bills and the amendment of two-years that remain from the prior legislative year. He noted the Public Water Agencies Group has drafted legislation to create a new type of utility worker identification card, which would allow access in wildfire-affected areas once it is safe. Bob Reeb, the lobbyist representing Pico Water District, Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company, Walnut Valley Water District and Rowland Water District, is shepherding the legislation through the process. Pico Water District will be listed as the sponsor, although the bill number is currently unknown. Mr. Ciampa explained that the IDs are intended to prevent issues like those experienced during last year's Eaton Fire, when utility workers were denied access to shut-off water meters, resulting in additional damage.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. None at this time.

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 Pete Ramirez asked a question regarding the language of SB707. Legal Counsel, Mr. Ciampa, explained that the most significant changes relate to “eligible legislative bodies,” which apply to larger districts with more than 200 employees. He noted other changes, including updates to remote meeting rules for board members, the elimination of the emergency circumstance provision, and the consolidation of “just cause” rules, which now cover matters previously under emergency circumstances as well as military leave. Mr. Ciampa also noted a new requirement that all board members must be provided a copy of the Brown Act, and staff will ensure copies are distributed. Additionally, he referenced SB827, which establishes a new fiscal and financial management training requirement for board members, to be completed by January 1, 2028. Mr. Ciampa stated that the impact of SB707 is not expected to be significant for Pico Water District.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Closed Session. There was no closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on January 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.



Raymond Rodriguez, President

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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