



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, February 04, 2026 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 Victor Caballero, Vice President Pete Ramirez, President Raymond Rodriguez, and Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District.

President Raymond Rodriguez 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. There were none.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Vice President 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 (A) approval of January 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; (B) approval of accounts now due and payable and receiving and filing of bills approved by the General Manager, December 2025; and (C) approval of December 2025 Financial Statement. Sondra Tututi, Accounting & Customer Service Supervisor, presented the accounts payable and provided a summary of bills approved by the General Manager for December 2025, as well as reviewing the December Financial Statement for approval by the Board. President Raymond Rodriguez 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 Board Approval to Authorize the General Manager to lease 500 Acre Feet of pumping rights without Flex to Orchard Dale Water District —The General Manager presented a proposal to lease 500 acre-feet of unused Central Basin pumping rights without flex to Orchard Dale Water District at a price of \$105 per acre-foot. The District's annual Allowed Pumping Allocation is 3,624 acre-feet, with approximately 1,112.24 acre-feet projected to remain unpumped this fiscal year. If this lease is approved, about 612.24 acre-feet

would remain. The General Manager recommended that the Board authorize him to proceed with the lease agreement, with all resulting revenue to be deposited into the District's General Fund. President Raymond Rodriguez inquired about the District's production buffer and whether there is a specific percentage of allocation the District intends to retain. Mr. Ciampa stated the District may exceed its allocation by up to ten percent and that maintaining a specific buffer is not necessarily required. Vice President Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve the lease of 500 acre-feet of Central Basin water rights to Orchard Dale Water District at a price of \$105 per acre-foot 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 shared the January quote, "The best way out is always through," by Robert Frost. He reported that the final day for payment prior to disconnection is Tuesday, February 10, and that he will provide the number of service shut-offs at the next meeting. Field staff will begin meter reading on February 12 due to the shorter month, and staff development training is scheduled for February 24. He also provided an update on the Well #4A Rehabilitation Project, which must be completed by the end of March in accordance with County requirements. Documentation for work completed last quarter by General Pump has been submitted, and the pump installation was completed today. The next step is flushing the well following chemical treatment, after which Phase One will be complete. Phase Two will include installation of a discharge line, electrical work for a variable speed drive, and installation of a chlorine chemical feeder like those at Well #11 and Well #5, along with additional upgrades permitted under the County grant. Although the timeline is tight, the project is expected to be completed on schedule. The General Manager reported the District is still awaiting a response from DDW regarding the Well #5 permit, which was submitted at the beginning of the month and remains under review. He stated the discharge line is ready, the County permit has been secured, and an inspection will be scheduled. A preconstruction meeting with the City and contractor J. DiSigio is scheduled for Monday, and installation will proceed once authorization is received. He also noted the District office will be closed on February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Mr. Ciampa reported that efforts are underway to finalize the record in the Proposition 218 appeal case. Once the court reporter's transcript and remainder of the appellate record is complete, the briefing schedule will be triggered. He also noted that he will be working on updates to the employee handbook. Regarding legislation, there is nothing significant to report at this time, with two more weeks remaining for bill introductions.

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

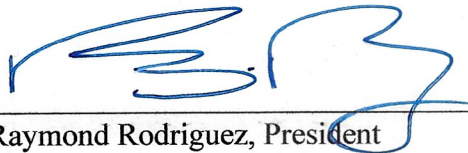
President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's Request for Future Items. Director David Angelo commented on possibly attending an upcoming conference, and President Raymond Rodriguez informed him that if he wishes to attend, Mr. Basulto would handle his registration. Director Angelo also expressed interest in attending an upcoming women's event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he requested an opportunity to present to the Board at the next meeting regarding his over 40 years of involvement with the City of Pico Rivera's Sister City program. The General Manager stated that Director

Angelo's presentation will be scheduled for either the next upcoming meeting or the following one.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director David Gonzales made a brief comment regarding the upcoming 100th anniversary celebration and expressed his interest in incorporating patriotic elements into the event.

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 5:57 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on February 18, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.



Raymond Rodriguez, President

Attest:



Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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