

*"We are advancing a life-giving cause—one where water is a vital source of wellbeing for ALL people—physically, relationally, and environmentally—today and for generations to come."*



***"We Bring Life to Everything You Love"***

**KIND – HUMBLE, COURAGEOUS, PUT OTHERS FIRST**

**STRONG – RELIABLE, PERSEVERE, SEE IT THROUGH**

**CONNECT – JOYFUL, CAUSE OTHERS TO FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG**



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PICO WATER DISTRICT**

4843 S. Church Street  
Pico Rivera, California, 90660

**5:30 PM Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

**AGENDA**

Any member of the public may attend this meeting in person or by accessing the Zoom link below. Any member of the public wishing to make any comments to the Board may do so through that Zoom link. The meeting Chair will acknowledge such individual(s) at the appropriate time in the meeting prior to making his or her comment. Members of the public wishing to make a comment are asked to state their name for the record and will be provided three (3) minutes to comment, the Board secretary will alert those commenting when they only have 30 seconds remaining. All members of the public will be disconnected from the Zoom link immediately before the Board of Directors adjourns into Closed Session.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9521779948?pwd=dGNxcXh3YitEc2NlVVdrUzVvNm4rZz09>

Join by Telephone: +1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 952 177 9948 Passcode: 421745

1. **ROLL CALL.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE.**
3. **INVOCATION.**

**4. TIME RESERVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

*Members of the public shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on any matter on the agenda and/or within the jurisdiction of the District, which is not on the Agenda. All comments should be addressed to the presiding officer of the meeting. Additional public comments shall be allowed when a listed agenda item is being considered, but such comments made at that time must be confined to the subject that is being discussed at the time such comments are made. Members of the public are asked to state their name for the record. Due to all Board Meetings being run as Zoom Meetings all participants will be placed on mute at the start of the meeting and when the meeting is open for public comment the participant will be asked to raise their hand through the button on the video conference screen if participating by video conference or by pressing \*9 on their phone if participating by teleconference.*

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.**

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR.**

(All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved on one motion, unless a Board Member requests a separate action on a specific item).

- A. Consider approval of April 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- B. Consider the accounts now due and payable, and receive and file bills approved by General Manager March 2026
- C. Consider the March 2026 Financial Statement

**7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

- A. The City of Pico Rivera World Spirit Festival, Presentation by City of Pico Rivera's Director of Innovation & Communications;
- B. Consider Board Approval of Scholarship Recipients; - *Board Discussion & Approve*

**8. REPORTS.**

- A. General Manager.
- B. Legal Counsel.

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. City of Pico Rivera Notice to All Residents – Illegal Fireworks Prohibited

**10. DIRECTOR’S REQUEST OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

**11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.**

- A. Report on Meetings Attended/Comments.

**12. CLOSED SESSION.**

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: *Manuel Hernandez v. Pico Water District*
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION LITIGATION  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]: *One Case*

**13. CLOSED SESSION REPORT.**

**14. ADJOURNMENT.**

**AGENDA POSTED ON:** April 30, 2026

**Next regularly scheduled meeting:** May 20, 2026

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***Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public review at the District office, located at 4843 S. Church Street, Pico Rivera, California.***

# **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

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**PICO WATER DISTRICT**

**MINUTES  
of  
BOARD MEETING  
04/15/2026**



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, April 15, 2026 at 5:31 p.m.

The District's Office Manager 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 Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District.

President Raymond Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Victor Caballero provided the invocation.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There were no public comments.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda, Vice President Pete Ramirez made the motion to adopt the Agenda, as presented. Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0. President Rodriguez proceeded to the next item, Approval of Consent Calendar, consisting of the Minutes from the April 1, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. Vice President Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented, and Director Victor Caballero seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

The General Manager presented to the Board the proposed Chief Administrative Officer position and related job description to the Board. Discussion included the administrative and regular demands placed on the District, the purpose of the position, and the anticipated internal recruitment process. Vice President Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve the Chief Administrative Officer position and adopt the job description for that position, as presented, and Director David Angelo seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

The General Manager presented the proposed Senior Water Treatment Operator position and related job description to the Board. Discussion included the increasing complexity of treatment operations, PFAS treatment demands, SCADA monitoring, and the need for additional technical oversight and leadership coverage. Vice President Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve the Senior Water Treatment Operator position and adopt the job description for that position, as presented, and Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

The General Manager presented the proposed Water Treatment Specialist position and related job description to the Board. Discussion included treatment operations, support for the Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program, and the intent to recruit externally for the position. Vice President Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve the Water Treatment Specialist position and adopt the job description for that position, as presented, and Director Victor Caballero seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

The General Manager presented the proposed Senior Water Distribution Operator position and related job description to the Board. Discussion included field leadership, distribution system operations, regulatory reporting, and the intent to fill the position internally. Vice President Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve the Senior Water Distribution Operator position and adopt the job description for that position, as presented, and President Raymond Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

The General Manager presented the proposed reclassification of the Lead Worker position to the Water Distribution Supervisor. Discussion included the expanded scope of the position and the updated job description. Director David Angelo made the motion to approved the reclassification of the Lead Worker position and Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

The General Manager presented the proposed reclassification of Water Maintenance Worker I and II to Water Distribution Operator I and II positions. Discussion included alignment with industry terminology and certification requirements. Director Victor Caballero made the motion to approve the reclassification of Water Maintenance Worker I and II to Water Distribution Operator I and II positions and Director David Angelo seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

The General Manger presented the revised organizational chart to the Board. Discussion included the updating reporting structure and the distinction between the official organizational chart and a staff informational chart reflecting employee names. Vice President Pete Ramirez made the motion to approve the revised and updated organizational chart as presented and President Raymond Rodriguez seconded the motion. 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 April quote, "Kind hearts build trust, Strong minds drive progress. Together we connect to achieve more," and thanked Sondra Tututi for the quote. The General Manager reported that only three residential disconnections were completed after staff contacted customers regarding pending disconnections. He thanked the office staff and customer service representatives for assisting customers with payment arrangements and avoiding additional shutoffs. The General Manager also reported that staff is working on the FY 2027 budget with Eide Bailly, meter reading and billing processing were underway and the office would be closed on May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.

President Raymond Rodriguez procced to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel, Mr. Jim Ciampa, reported that Senate Bill 1001, which the District is sponsoring, passed the Senate Public Safety Committee with no opposing votes and will next

proceed to Senate Appropriations. Mr. Ciampa also reported there would be no Closed Session that evening.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceed to the next item on the Agenda, Informational Items. President Raymond Rodigeuz informed the Board that informational items were included in the meeting packet and could be read at the Board's leisure.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's request of future agenda items. Vice President Pete Ramirez asked a question regarding PFAS-related funds from WRD, and staff clarified that WRD was retaining approximately \$240,000 until the project is fully operational and also noted that WRD may have received settlement funds in the PFAS litigation.

President Raymond Rodriguez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Director David Gonzales mentioned that himself, Vice President Pete Ramirez, and the General Manager attended the recent Pico Women's Club meeting, where the District extended an invitation to the club members to attend the District's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and the District committed to donate ten cases of water to the club. Director David Angeo commented on a folklorico youth group that could be considered to perform at the District's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. President Raymond Rodriguez commented on community concerns related to the Epic Hotel and urged Board members to remain aware of their surroundings due to an uptick in crime.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on May 06, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

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Raymond Rodriguez, President

Attest:

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Joe D. Basulto, Secretary  
(Seal)

# **PICO WATER DISTRICT**

**Consider the accounts now due  
and payable, and receive and file  
bills approved  
by General Manager**

**March 2026**



Pico Water District, CA

# Check Report

By Check Number

Date Range: 03/01/2026 - 03/31/2026

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
<b>Bank Code: AP-ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>						
1008	ACWA/JPIA	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	48,482.79	64872
1013	AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	2,826.00	64873
1477	BASE HILL, INC	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	540.00	64874
1027	BENITEZ FRAMES AND CABINETS	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	1,800.00	64875
1046	CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	778.03	64876
1053	CINTAS #053	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	1,130.58	64877
1055	CIVILTEC ENGINEERING, INC.	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	18,936.25	64878
1069	CV STRATEGIES	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	7,841.25	64879
1090	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	232.48	64880
1095	GENERAL PUMP COMPANY	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	29,800.00	64881
1111	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	626.52	64882
1113	HUMBERTO CRUZ MASONRY	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	1,400.00	64883
1117	INFOSEND	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	3,148.40	64884
1132	JUAN ROMAN	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	170.00	64885
1136	LAW FIRE PROTECTION	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	1,905.36	64886
1496	PUENTE BASIN WATER AGENCY	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	2,400.00	64887
1183	QUILL CORPORATION	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	1,122.31	64888
1211	SPECTRUM	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	288.03	64889
1421	T-MOBILE	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	246.03	64890
1237	UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	171.93	64891
1249	VOTACALL, INC.	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	388.09	64892
1250	WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	79,132.20	64893
1256	WESTERN WATER WORKS	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	6,203.69	64894
1507	WM CORPORATE SERVICES, INC.	03/03/2026	Regular	0.00	1,037.56	64895
1415	APPLIED TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC.	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	30.00	64896
1017	AT & T	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	114.64	64897
1509	CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	9,665.00	64898
1034	CAL-LIFT INC.	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	2,036.60	64899
1053	CINTAS #053	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	207.76	64900
1054	CINTAS 0168 - ORANGE CA FAS	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	166.13	64901
1064	COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	1,420.68	64902
1077	DIEGO'S AUTO REPAIR	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	1,563.05	64903
1369	EIDE BAILLY LLP	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	6,316.05	64904
1105	HARRINGTON INDUSTRIAL PLASTICS LLC	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	3,393.31	64905
1372	HUNTER ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	9,376.48	64906
1117	INFOSEND	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	938.01	64907
1135	LAGERLOF, LLP	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	4,498.70	64908
1153	NASA SERVICES	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	291.17	64909
1163	PAC COMM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	4,751.41	64910
1368	PUBLIC WATER AGENCIES GROUP	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	1,372.00	64911
1194	S & J SUPPLY CO., INC.	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	1,088.04	64912
1209	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	73.77	64913
1228	THE JANKOVICH COMPANY	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	1,515.93	64914
1249	VOTACALL, INC.	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	393.83	64915
1251	WATERLINE TECHNOLOGIES, INC	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	1,865.00	64916
1252	WECK LABORATORIES, INC.	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	6,082.00	64917
1256	WESTERN WATER WORKS	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	8,971.81	64918
1453	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	03/11/2026	Regular	0.00	227.05	64919
1467	FIVE STAR BANK	03/25/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	7,705.49	DFT0000469
1080	EDISON COMPANY	03/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	14,747.42	DFT0000470
1080	EDISON COMPANY	03/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	15.49	DFT0000471
1080	EDISON COMPANY	03/09/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	3,376.41	DFT0000472
1080	EDISON COMPANY	03/09/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	157.72	DFT0000473
1080	EDISON COMPANY	03/09/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	6,942.90	DFT0000474

**Check Report**

**Date Range: 03/01/2026 - 03/31/2026**

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
1080	EDISON COMPANY	03/09/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	55.86	DFT0000475
1080	EDISON COMPANY	03/09/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	2,021.31	DFT0000476
1080	EDISON COMPANY	03/09/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	1,124.29	DFT0000477
1080	EDISON COMPANY	03/09/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	949.70	DFT0000478
1080	EDISON COMPANY	03/10/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	226.36	DFT0000479
1080	EDISON COMPANY	03/09/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	103.15	DFT0000480
1433	SOUTHWEST ANSWERING SERVICE	03/10/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	508.40	DFT0000481

**Bank Code AP Summary**

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	94	48	0.00	276,965.92
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	13	13	0.00	37,934.50
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	<b>107</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>314,900.42</b>

### All Bank Codes Check Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	94	48	0.00	276,965.92
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	13	13	0.00	37,934.50
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	<b>107</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>314,900.42</b>

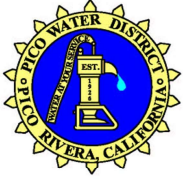
### Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
10	General Operating	3/2026	314,900.42
			<b>314,900.42</b>

**PICO WATER DISTRICT**

**MARCH 2026**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**



# Pico Water District

## Statement of Net Position (Unaudited)

### As of March 31, 2026

<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash and Investments</b>		
1	Cash in Bank	\$ 1,801,949
2	CLASS Investment	2,845,388
3	LAIF Investment	115,852
4	Cambridge Investment	115
5	<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<u>4,763,304</u>
<b>Cash and Investments - Restricted</b>		
7	Restricted Cash - Infrastructure Acct [IBank]	10,788
8	<b>Total Cash and Investments - Restricted</b>	<u>10,788</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
10	Accounts Receivable - Customers, Net	1,177,897
11	Accounts Receivable - Other	213,469
12	Inventory - Materials and Supplies	303,483
13	Prepaid Expenses	57,325
14	<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>1,752,174</u>
15	Utility Plant	34,439,019
16	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(13,238,151)
17	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<u>21,200,868</u>
18	<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>27,727,134</b></u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources (DOR)</b>		
20	DOR - Pension	411,724
21	DOR - Other Post-employment Benefits	171,535
22	<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u><b>583,259</b></u>
23		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
26	Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	720,817
27	Accrued Interest	91,695
28	Refundable Deposits	504,195
29	Retention Payable	78,174
30	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>1,394,882</u>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>		
32	Note Payable - IBank	6,023,618
33	Net Pension Liability	1,093,431
34	Net Other Post-employment Benefits Liability	620,455
35	<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<u>7,737,504</u>
36	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u><b>9,132,385</b></u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources (DIR)</b>		
38	DIR - Pension	102,124
39	DIR - Other Post-employment Benefits	449,379
40	<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u><b>551,503</b></u>
41	<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 18,626,505</b></u></u>

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# Pico Water District

## Budget to Actual (Unaudited)

For the Period July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

	March 2026	YTD 2026	Budget 2026	YTD Budget 75%
<b>1 Operating Revenue</b>				
2 Water Sales				
3 Potable Water	\$ 266,288	\$ 2,394,609	\$ 3,276,100	73%
4 Recycled	4,754	47,113	67,200	70%
5 Meters	272,684	2,089,224	2,726,500	77%
6 Multi Unit	180	1,293	1,100	118%
7 Total Water Sales	543,907	4,532,239	6,070,900	75%
8 Water Services				
9 Fire Protection	15,173	124,037	160,000	78%
10 Infrastructure Surcharge	48,384	374,277	477,700	78%
11 Capacity	-	46,905	-	N/A
12 Other	61,335	137,783	112,100	123%
13 Total Water Services	124,893	683,001	749,800	91%
<b>14 Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>668,800</b>	<b>5,215,240</b>	<b>6,820,700</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>15 Operating Expenses</b>				
16 Source of Supply	97,381	955,866	1,313,200	73%
17 Pumping	58,025	677,184	907,500	75%
18 Water Treatment	4,991	113,497	252,500	45%
19 Transmission and Distribution	46,714	362,554	514,000	71%
20 Customer Service	42,363	397,403	444,100	89%
21 General and Administrative	130,307	1,477,101	1,990,500	74%
<b>22 Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>379,781</b>	<b>3,983,605</b>	<b>5,421,800</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>23 Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>289,018</b>	<b>1,231,635</b>	<b>1,398,900</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>24 Non-Operating Revenue</b>				
25 Investment Income	13,382	86,522	44,600	194%
26 Rental Income	2,057	18,513	24,600	75%
27 Other Income	17	2,124,057	3,208,300	66%
<b>28 Total Non-Operating Revenue</b>	<b>15,456</b>	<b>2,229,092</b>	<b>3,277,500</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>29 Non-Operating Expenses</b>				
30 Loan Principal	-	182,619	182,600	100%
31 Interest Expense	-	218,195	218,200	100%
32 Annual Loan Fee Expense	-	18,071	18,100	100%
33 Rental Expenses	165	188	2,600	7%
<b>34 Total Non-Operating Expenses</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>419,073</b>	<b>421,500</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>35 Net Income / (Loss) Before Capital</b>	<b>304,309</b>	<b>3,041,654</b>	<b>4,254,900</b>	<b>71%</b>
36 Capital Improvement Projects (District Funded)	(196,195)	(621,984)	(1,390,400)	45%
<b>37 Net Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 108,115</b>	<b>\$ 2,419,670</b>	<b>\$ 2,864,500</b>	<b>84%</b>

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# Pico Water District

## Operating Expense Detail (Unaudited)

### For the Period July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

	March 2026	YTD 2026	Budget 2026	YTD Budget 75%
<b>1 Operating Expenses</b>				
<b>2 Source of Supply</b>				
3 Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,772	\$ 75,652	\$ 94,200	80%
4 Recycled Water	2,389	26,817	43,300	62%
5 Ground Water Replenishment	89,220	853,397	1,175,700	73%
<b>6 Total Source of Supply</b>	<b>97,381</b>	<b>955,866</b>	<b>1,313,200</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>7 Pumping</b>				
8 Salaries and Wages	27,742	300,865	381,400	79%
9 Maintenance	1,687	116,656	109,900	106%
10 Power	28,596	259,663	416,200	62%
<b>11 Total Pumping</b>	<b>58,025</b>	<b>677,184</b>	<b>907,500</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>12 Water Treatment</b>				
13 Salaries and Wages	288	3,252	11,100	29%
14 Maintenance	1,865	25,145	136,900	18%
15 Water Treatment Regulations	2,838	85,100	104,500	81%
<b>16 Total Water Treatment</b>	<b>4,991</b>	<b>113,497</b>	<b>252,500</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>17 Transmission and Distribution</b>				
18 Salaries and Wages	11,722	126,686	216,900	58%
19 Maintenance	29,696	208,784	261,800	80%
20 Vehicle Maintenance and Fuel	5,296	27,085	35,300	77%
<b>21 Total Transmission and Distribution</b>	<b>46,714</b>	<b>362,554</b>	<b>514,000</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>22 Customer Accounts</b>				
23 Meter Reading Labor	2,067	28,347	51,800	55%
24 Billing/Customer Service Salaries and Wages	33,721	294,578	303,600	97%
25 Supplies	6,575	74,479	88,700	84%
<b>26 Total Customer Accounts</b>	<b>42,363</b>	<b>397,403</b>	<b>444,100</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>27 General and Administrative</b>				
28 Salaries	29,446	264,915	331,200	80%
29 Vacation/Holiday/Other Payroll	5,390	26,848	35,800	75%
30 Payroll Taxes	8,677	88,074	120,000	73%
31 Pension	25,721	254,086	309,800	82%
32 Director Compensation	4,200	34,950	45,000	78%
33 Travel and Meetings (Board)	-	4,633	15,000	31%
34 Travel and Meetings (Staff)	360	17,492	12,300	142%
35 Board Room Expenses	-	126	4,800	3%
36 Office Supplies	1,431	25,486	28,000	91%
37 Office Utilities	2,400	22,741	30,200	75%
38 Professional Services				
39 Accounting	8,009	122,599	139,200	88%
40 Computer	725	7,126	12,800	56%
41 Engineering	-	-	5,200	0%
42 Legal	5,699	39,677	160,000	25%
43 PWAG - Emergency Services Coordinator	1,798	15,356	20,200	76%
44 Tyler Technologies Licensing and Support	-	31,280	28,300	111%
45 Nobel Systems - GIS Program	800	25,833	26,300	98%
46 Insurance	24,275	355,900	470,700	76%
47 Maintenance	1,758	13,300	32,300	41%
48 Dues and Subscriptions	6,118	28,344	27,600	103%
49 Noticing	-	14,591	37,300	39%
50 Education Expense	3,500	34,638	50,800	68%
51 Conservation Expense	-	46,506	46,000	101%
52 Miscellaneous	-	2,600	1,700	153%
<b>53 Total General and Administrative</b>	<b>130,307</b>	<b>1,477,101</b>	<b>1,990,500</b>	<b>74%</b>
<b>54 Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 379,781</b>	<b>\$ 3,983,605</b>	<b>\$ 5,421,800</b>	<b>73%</b>



# Pico Water District

## Capital Improvement Projects (Unaudited)

### For the Period July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

	March 2026	YTD 2026	Budget 2026	Remaining Under / (Over) Budget
<b>1 Studies and Plans</b>				
2 Urban Water Management Plan	\$ -	\$ 7,725	\$ 30,000	\$ 22,275
<b>3 Total Studies and Plans</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,725</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>22,275</b>
<b>4 Replacement Programs</b>				
5 Meters	1,775	53,251	240,800	187,549
<b>6 Total Replacement Programs</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>53,251</b>	<b>240,800</b>	<b>187,549</b>
<b>7 Wells and Equipment Upgrade</b>				
8 Well 5A Waste Water Discharge Line	102,695	115,488	185,100	69,612
9 Well 4A Rehabilitation	91,725	423,681	400,000	(23,681)
10 Well 4A Rehabilitation - Grant Funding (DWR)	-	(65,460)	(300,000)	(234,540)
<b>11 Total Wells and Equipment Upgrade</b>	<b>194,420</b>	<b>473,709</b>	<b>285,100</b>	<b>(188,609)</b>
<b>12 PFAS Remediation Treatment Plants</b>				
13 Treatment Plants Wells 11, 8, 5	-	87,299	216,500	129,201
14 PFAS Vessel Media Replacement	-	-	618,000	618,000
<b>15 Net PFAS Remediation Treatment Plants</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,299</b>	<b>834,500</b>	<b>747,201</b>
<b>16 Total Capital Improvement Projects</b>	<b>\$ 196,195</b>	<b>\$ 621,984</b>	<b>\$ 1,390,400</b>	<b>\$ 768,416</b>

\*No assurance provided on these financial statements. These financial statements do not include a statement of cash flows. Substantially all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States not included.



## Pico Water District

### Cash and Investments (Unaudited)

#### As of March 31, 2026

Investment Account	Investment Type	Cost	Market Value	% Yield	% Allocation	Maturity Date
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
UB Business Acct	Bank	\$ 757,644	\$ 757,644	N/A	15.87%	N/A
General Checking Acct	Bank	(11,121)	(11,121)	N/A	-0.23%	N/A
Payroll Checking Acct	Bank	28,465	28,465	N/A	0.60%	N/A
Five Star Money Market	Bank	428,938	428,938	N/A	8.98%	N/A
Five Star Money Market - Capacity	Bank	596,833	596,833	N/A	12.50%	N/A
Capacity Charge	Bank	188	188	N/A	0.00%	N/A
Cash Register Fund	Bank	1,000	1,000	N/A	0.02%	N/A
California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (CLASS)	JPA Investment Pool	2,845,400	2,845,241	3.694%	59.60%	N/A
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Investment	Pooled Money Investment Account	115,718	115,970	3.826%	2.43%	N/A
Cambridge Investment	Investment	115	115	0.05%	0.00%	N/A
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>		<b>4,763,181</b>	<b>4,763,275</b>		<b>99.77%</b>	
<b>Restricted</b>						
Infrastructure Acct [IBank]	Bank	10,788	10,790	0.02%	0.23%	N/A
<b>Total Restricted</b>		<b>10,788</b>	<b>10,790</b>		<b>0.23%</b>	
<b>Total District Cash and Investments</b>		<b>\$ 4,773,969</b>	<b>\$ 4,774,065</b>		<b>100.00%</b>	

The investments listed in the above report are in full compliance with the District's investment policy and with the requirements of California Government Code 53646. The District is able to meet its cash flow requirements for the next six months.

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**Joe D. Basulto, General Manager**

**PICO WATER DISTRICT**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**END**

# **ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

- A. The City of Pico Rivera World Spirit Festival, Presentation by City of Pico Rivera's Director of Innovation & Communications;**
- B. Consider Board Approval of Scholarship Recipients; - Board Discussion & Approve**

# PICO WATER DISTRICT

## ACTION / DISCUSSION

7A

### Discussion Item:

**The City of Pico Rivera World Spirit Festival, Presentation by City of Pico Rivera's Director of Innovation & Communications;**

## ***STAFF REPORT***

**To:** Honorable Board of Directors

**From:** Joe D. Basulto, General Manager

**Meeting Date:** May 06, 2026

**Subject:** 7A – The City of Pico Rivera World Spirit Festival, Presentation by City of Pico Rivera’s Director of Innovation & Communications

**Recommendation:**  
Discussion

**Fiscal Impact:**  
None at this Time

### **Background:**

The City of Pico Rivera has been awarded a Metro Open Streets Grant to host the **World Spirit Festival**, scheduled for **June 26–27, 2026**, in alignment with the FIFA World Cup.

This large-scale, multi-day event will activate **Historic Whittier Boulevard** as an “open streets” corridor, temporarily prioritizing pedestrian and community use over vehicular traffic. The festival is designed to celebrate global culture, community engagement, and the international spirit surrounding the World Cup.

The event is anticipated to attract **over 40,000 attendees**, making it one of the largest community events ever hosted in the region.

### **EVENT OVERVIEW:**

The World Spirit Festival will include a wide range of activities and attractions, including: Open Streets programming along Historic Whittier Boulevard:

- FIFA World Cup watch parties
- Classic car show
- 5K run/walk event
- Business activations and local merchant participation
- Carnival rides and games
- Youth soccer clinics and sports programming
- Vendor villages featuring food, crafts, and community organizations
- Live street concerts and DJ performances
- Art installations and cultural exhibits

This event aims to promote economic activity, community pride, cultural exchange, and regional collaboration.

**Flyer Attached:**

# SAVE THE DATE



## June 26 & 27, 2026

Join us for a free community festival celebrating soccer on the world stage

Open & Slow Streets made possible by Metro.



Open & Slow Streets



Business Activations & Vendor Villages



Street Concerts



Soccer Clinics & Tournament



Watch Parties



Carnival Rides & Games



Car Show



5K Run & Walk



Scan QR Code for more information



# June 26 & 27, 2026

Join us for a free community festival celebrating soccer on the world stage



Two Days.  
One Community.  
Thousand Memories.

Whittier Blvd  
Open June 27 ONLY

Smith Park & Mines Ave  
Open June 26 & 27

To Rio Hondo  
← Bike Path

- Full Closure / No Vehicles
- Partial Closure / Local Traffic Only
- Vehicle Throughput
- Metro Bus Route / Stops
- River Bike Path Access

Open & Slow Streets  
Presented by:



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[www.pico-rivera.org/wsf](http://www.pico-rivera.org/wsf)

# **PICO WATER DISTRICT**

## **ACTION / DISCUSSION**

### **ITEM - 7B**

**Consider Board Approval  
of Scholarship Recipients;**

## ***STAFF REPORT***

**To:** Honorable Board of Directors  
**From:** Joe D. Basulto, General Manager  
**Meeting Date:** April 15, 2026  
**Subject:** 7B – Consider Board Approval of Scholarship Recipients

**Recommendation:**

Discussion / Recommendations from Board Approve

**Fiscal Impact:**

None at this Time (Board of Directors Funded)

**Background:**

The Pico Water District annually offers a scholarship program to support graduating high school seniors within the District's service area. The program is intended to recognize and assist students who demonstrate academic excellence, community involvement, and financial need.

The Board of Directors is asked to review and formally approve the recommended recipients to allow for timely distribution of awards.

The Senior Awards Night for the Class of 2026 is scheduled for **June 2, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** at the **El Rancho High School Main Gym**, where the scholarships will be presented.

For the 2026 cycle, a total of two applications were received.

Scholarship Candidates:

1. Esau Pulido – 9622 Winchell St.
2. Nallely Hernandez – 7442 Rosemead Bl.

Applications Attached:



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**2026  
PICO WATER DISTRICT  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

**Description:** The Pico Water District (District) Board of Directors, in an effort to promote (i) continuing education regarding the District and its mission, as well as to educate the public regarding water-related issues, (ii) advancement of water conservation, and (iii) advancement of careers in the water industry through further education, is now seeking to provide scholarships to those individuals that meet all eligibility requirements, as stated below, and plan to continue their education after high school.

The District is proud each year to provide two (2) \$500.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who live within the District's service area and plan to attend a college or university after graduating from high school.

**Application:** On the application provided, please provide information on your involvement in community service, public service, volunteer work and/or environmental efforts. You must also address the questions provided on the application.

**Submission & Deadline:** To be considered for the District's Scholarship Program (Program) interested applicants must complete a District Scholarship Application, answer all questions and return back to the District Office located at 4843 Church Street, Pico Rivera, California 90660 or mail to P.O. Box 758, Pico Rivera, California 90660, no later than 4:30pm April 30, 2026 and the Board of Directors would review and award at the next regular board meeting. If you have any questions call (562) 692-3756 and ask to speak with Mrs. Sondra Tututi

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PICO WATER DISTRICT  
SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM**

- Will graduate from high school in 2026.
- Plan to enter a college or university in the fall of 2026.
- **APPLICANTS MUST RESIDE IN THE PICO WATER DISTRICT SERVICE AREA. Applicants must provide a copy of their residence's Pico Water District WATER bill with their application packet** (you must be a customer of the Pico Water District or be a member of a family that is a District customer to be considered).
- Upon approval, this scholarship will be sent directly to the college listed on your application, indicating that it can be used for tuition, fees, or books, and should be treated as a scholarship of additional funds to you, not simply to "replace" other college funds given in your financial packet. Provide / Submit proof of enrollment to Pico Water District and upon verification, scholarship award to your selected college will be sent within the first quarter or semester of the 2026-27 school year.

**PICO WATER DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**I Type your information directly onto this form or attach typed information with this application.**

1. Name: Esau Pulido
2. Home Address/City/Zip Code: 9622 Winchell St Zip code 90660
3. Home Phone Number: 1(562)(639)(4766)
4. Email: awesomeadam2099@gmail.com
5. Name of High School: El Rancho High School
6. High School Graduation Date: June 9, 2026
7. College or University You Plan to Attend: Rio Hondo

**II Type your answers on this form or provide your typed answers on a different sheet with this form.**

1. List school and extra-curricular activities over the past four years that demonstrate your involvement in Community/Public Service, Volunteer Work and/or Environmental Efforts.

I participated in a football soccer program called AYSO, in Pico Rivera California. I was an assistant coach helping children with disabilities.

2. List any other school or extra-curricular activities over the past four years.

N/A

3. List any honors, awards or recognition you have received over the past four years.

I have gotten honor rolls four times in high school.

4. List any employment experience over the past four years.

I worked 100 hours at Walgreens via DOR (Department of Rehabilitation)

5. Please provide any other information you feel is important for us to know.

I will be attending Summer Bridge program at Rio Hondo College.

**III Please answer the following three (3) questions:**

1. Who is the person who has most influenced you and why?

My mother has influenced me because she looks to what's best to my interests.

2. Describe the course of study or interest you plan to pursue. What or who inspired you to this field of study?

I am interested in Forensics' Pathology, because I'm fascinated with looking for clues in a crime scene. What influenced me was the show "Dexter" because the main character worked within the police department and was a Blood Splatter Analyst.

3. Write a typed 500-word essay on what conservation (water, ecosystems, etc.) means to you and why individuals should conserve resources?

Esau Pulido

4/11/26

**Write a typed 500-word essay on what conservation (water, ecosystems, etc.) means to you and why individuals should conserve resources?**

The concept of conservation for me means caring for nature and maintaining it to last not only for the current generation, but also for the coming ones in the future. Conservation means the protection of the natural resources available including water, forests, plants and animals and the clean air surrounding us. Many people associate this practice with organizations that work in such a field and believe that conservation is not an action of individual persons. However, conservation, I believe, begins from people because it is their individual actions that matter most.

First and foremost, the concept of conservation implies saving the natural resources of the Earth. The resource I find to be extremely important in the process of conservation is water. Every person uses it on daily basis while performing routine chores such as brushing his teeth, washing dishes, etc., but it is very likely to forget about its value. Not everybody understands how difficult it may be for other nations to get water of good quality because they lack such sources at all. This fact helps to realize that water is one of the most important natural resources that should be conserved.

The conservation of resources includes ecosystems. Ecosystems involve plants, animals, and environments where all living things are interdependent. If one aspect in the ecosystem is harmed, everything else will feel its effect. Pollution and deforestation will harm plants, destroy

their habitats, and cause the extinction of animals among other repercussions. As far as I am concerned, it is crucial to conserve these ecosystems since they ensure the balance of the planet and provide humans with essential elements such as oxygen, medicine, and food.

It is important for people to conserve resources because each one of us contributes to the process. One individual does not have much influence on environmental issues; however, millions of individuals can contribute significantly to resource conservation. Recyclability, less consumption of plastic containers, conserving energy and water, and avoiding wastage of food are ways of conserving resources.

A final justification for the need for conservation is the next generation of individuals. Our actions today will have an effect on the planet that children in the coming decades will inhabit. If we allow resource waste and environmental destruction to persist, there is a possibility that we could bequeath the world to the next generation with serious issues. However, by committing to conservation, we can ensure that our successors inherit a better world.

To summarize, conservation refers to responsible utilization of the resources of the earth, as well as environmental protection. Conservation is not only a global affair; it is also a personal issue. There are responsibilities that each individual must fulfill for conservation to succeed. From my perspective, conservation requires making conscious decisions and acting upon them for the sake of the future of our planet.

**PICO WATER DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

I Type your information directly onto this form or attach typed information with this application. 27/26 PM 2:34

1. Name: Nallely Hernandez

2. Home Address/City/Zip Code: 7442 Rosemead BLVD, Pico Rivera, 90660

3. Home Phone Number: 562716327

4. Email: nallelyh.2026@gmail.com

5. Name of High School: El Rancho High School

6. High School Graduation Date: 06/09/2026

7. College or University You Plan to Attend: Cal State University Fullerton

II Type your answers on this form or provide your typed answers on a different sheet with this form.

1. List school and extra-curricular activities over the past four years that demonstrate your involvement in Community/Public Service, Volunteer Work and/or Environmental Efforts.

- Harvest Festival Volunteer (4 years)

Volunteered at this community event by organizing booths, assisting children with activities, and helping with setup and cleanup to create a welcoming space for families.

- Rivera Elementary School Valentine's Dance Volunteer (4 years)

Served the community by supporting decorations, managing check-in, and supervising students to ensure a safe and enjoyable event for families.

- Spooktacular Smith Park Event Volunteer (2 years)

Participated in community service by running activity stations such as giving out candy, guiding families, and assisting with coordination at this city park event.

- City Hall Holiday Event Volunteer

Contributed to public service efforts by helping organize holiday activities and supervising my coloring booth that I was assigned to run smoothly.

- Freshmen and Sophomore Tutor (2 years)

Dedicated weekly volunteer hours to tutoring and mentoring underclassmen, strengthening their academic performance and confidence.

- Family Connect Workshop Leader

Led a community workshop teaching hands-only CPR and sharing safety education to promote emergency preparedness among families.

- Dental Awareness Presenter at Valencia Academy of the Art Elementary School

Provided volunteer service by teaching kindergarten students proper brushing and flossing techniques through hands-on demonstrations.

- Blood Drive Volunteer at El Rancho High School

Supported this community health initiative by registering students and assisting with event organization to encourage blood donation.

- Letters for Cancer Patients and Veterans at El Rancho High School

Engaged in volunteer outreach by writing encouraging letters to uplift patients in hospitals and honor veterans for their service.

- Graduation Candy Leis for Seniors at El Rancho High School

Collaborated in a service project to create candy leis for graduating seniors, helping families celebrate this milestone.

- Library Volunteer at El Rancho High School

Maintained the school library through organizing shelves, cleaning study areas, and supporting a positive learning environment for students.

2. List any other school or extra-curricular activities over the past four years.

- Tri cities ROP Dental Assistant Program (1 year)

Completed hands-on clinical training in chairside assisting, infection control, dental terminology, and patient care, earning certifications to strengthen my preparation for a future career in pediatric dentistry.

- Dual Enrollment Student (4 years)

Completed college-level courses through Rio Hondo College while in high school, demonstrating academic rigor, time management, and commitment to advancing my education.

- Vice President, National Honor Society (2 years)

Helped lead meetings, organized service projects, and motivated members to stay involved, increasing participation and accountability within the organization.

- Vice President, California Scholarship Federation (3 years)

Supported academic recognition efforts, assisted with workshops to help students with college questions, and encouraged students to maintain strong academic performance.

- Secretary, AVID Club (2 years)

Managed meeting notes, organized communication, and helped coordinate a button fundraisers that supported college readiness and peer collaboration.

- Mentor, El Rancho Student Board (2 years)

Represented student voices in leadership meetings, contributed ideas to improve school programs, and advocated for student needs.

- Mentor LA County Student Board (1 year)

Collaborated with district leaders and other student representatives to address county-wide student concerns and promote educational improvements.

- Link Crew Mentor (3 years)

Mentored incoming freshmen by giving campus tours, leading orientation activities, and helping them transition successfully into high school.

- Sports Medicine Intern (2 years)

Assisted with basic injury prevention support, observed athletic training techniques, and learned about patient care and rehabilitation in a clinical sports setting.

- Treasurer, (HOSA) Future Health Professionals (2 years)

Managed club funds, tracked expenses, and helped organize health-related events, ensuring financial responsibility and supporting chapter activities.

- Treasurer, Leo's Club (3 years)

Oversaw budgeting and fundraising funds, helping the club successfully support service projects and school initiatives.

- TRIO Program Participant (4 years)

Participated in a college-access program that provided me guidance on college applications, financial aid, scholarships, and career exploration to help first-generation students navigate higher education.

- PREP Program Participant (1 year)

Engage in academic enrichment and tutoring support, both receiving and providing peer tutoring, to strengthen academic performance and college readiness skills.

3. List any honors, awards or recognition you have received over the past four years.

- Principal Honor Roll awards all four years of high school for maintaining a 3.33 or above GPA.
- Award of appreciation Junior year for Dental Care Awareness hands on presentation at Valencia of the Arts Elementary.
- Award of patron of the month El Rancho Unified School library Senior year for my dedication and enthusiasm for reading.
- El Rancho High School digital photography Senior year I was chosen as the winner of the week's photography contest.
- Award for volunteering at Family Connect El Rancho High School my Senior year teaching American Heart Association Community CPR skills.
- El Rancho Unified Superintendent Student Board awarded my junior year recognizing my leadership, community involvement, and contributions to improving student experiences across the district.
- Elementary Teacher Education Certification: certifies eligibility to work as a teacher assistant in schools.
- Dental Assistant Certifications: Dental Practice Act, Infection Control, Radiation Safety, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).
- Award for tutoring freshman and sophomores for two years weekly.

- Seal of biliteracy award/ medal for demonstrating proficiency in two or more languages. Achieved by taking English for four years, Spanish for two years, and passing the AP Spanish Language exam with a score of 4.
- Award through Advancement Via Individual Determination for serving 100 hours of community service all four years of high school.
- Deans Honor award for having an accumulative gpa of 4.0 at Rio Hondo College.
- Health Occupation Students of America competed State wide for HOSA this year in Dental Science placed top 6 and have the chance to compete nationwide.

4. List any employment experience over the past four years.

NA

III 5. Please provide any other information you feel is important for us to know.

Silence was the language of my home. In an environment where control was often disguised as care, I learned early to make my voice small. Growing up with a controlling father deeply affected my mental health and sense of independence. Every decision, from the classes I enrolled in to participating in after school academic programs, required permission. Even when approval was granted, it often came with reminders that my ambitions were inconvenient. Over time, I began to question whether wanting more for myself was selfish. Living under constant scrutiny made me cautious. I hesitated to ask for opportunities and carefully measured my words to avoid conflict. While my peers freely explored clubs and leadership roles, I navigated invisible boundaries. Each opportunity required emotional preparation and careful timing. The weight of those restrictions was isolating, but it also forced me to mature quickly. If I could not control my home environment, I could control my effort at school. I became intentional with every hour I was allowed on campus. I joined the Sports Medicine after school program, learning how to prevent and treat sports injuries, and I dedicated my lunch periods to Peer Advising, where I support students with academic questions. These roles were more than activities. They were proof that my circumstances would not define my potential. This hardship shaped my resilience and empathy. Because I understand what it feels like to lack autonomy, I value independence deeply. I have learned that success is not the absence of obstacles but the courage to grow within them. Each opportunity I pursue is not just an achievement. It is a step toward building a future defined by confidence, purpose, and self determination.

Please answer the following three (3) questions:

1. Who is the person who has most influenced you and why?

My older sister has been the person who most influenced me and shaped the person I am today. Growing up as the middle child in a household with a strict father, I often felt invisible and hesitant to speak up, as every decision from school to personal opportunities had to pass through his approval. My sister became my safe place. She listened, encouraged me, and showed me that my voice mattered. Watching her balance leadership roles in high school while maintaining strong grades taught me that success requires initiative, courage, and persistence. As her younger sister, I initially wanted to follow exactly in her footsteps, volunteering and helping others as she did. But she encouraged me to go further. Inspired by her example, I joined programs she hadn't been able to, like the Los Angeles County Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Where I helped undocumented students and families understand their rights. I researched laws, created bilingual presentations for school districts, and focused on easing fears so students felt safe attending school. Beyond this, I earned my dental assistant certification, taught CPR and oral hygiene to children and families, and joined Sports Medicine, learning to connect with patients and assist in care. Through these experiences, I realized my sister's influence went beyond guidance; she inspired me to lead, take initiative, and serve my community in ways she could not. Because of her, I am confident in my abilities, motivated to succeed academically, and committed to helping others. Her example continues to guide me as I pursue my goals and make a positive impact on my school and community.

2. Describe the course of study or interest you plan to pursue. What or who inspired you to this field of study?

My interest in biopsychology began through my experience living with palmar hyperhidrosis, a condition that causes my palms to constantly sweat. For years, I felt defined by something I could not control. My hands would leave wet fingerprints on desks and papers, and I often avoided simple interactions out of embarrassment. What once felt like a weakness eventually became a scientific question: why does my body respond this way?

As I searched for answers, I became fascinated by the connection between biology and psychology. I wanted to understand how the nervous system, brain chemistry, and stress responses can trigger physical reactions. Learning how biological processes influence thoughts, emotions, and behavior helped me better understand the deep relationship between the mind and body. Over time, I began to transform my insecurity into purpose.

Through the Dental Assistant Program at Tri-Cities ROP, I have been able to apply my interest in health science in a clinical setting while developing skills such as infection control, chairside assisting, taking X-rays, and creating dental molds. At my dental assistant internship, I now use the very hands I once hid to care for patients and help them feel comfortable.

Studying biopsychology will help me further understand how physical health and emotional well-being are interconnected. In the future, I hope to apply this knowledge as a dentist by creating an environment where patients feel both medically cared for and emotionally understood. My goal is not only to improve oral health but also to help people feel confident and comfortable in their smiles. By combining science with empathy, I hope to see and understand the person behind the symptoms, caring for both their physical needs and the emotional experiences that shape their lives.

3. Write a typed 500-word essay on what conservation (water, ecosystems, etc.) means to you and why individuals should conserve resources?

Conservation means to me taking care of the Earth and using its resources wisely. By being able to understand how our everyday choices can affect the world and the people around us. Although I did not always have this mindset when I was younger, I used to buy new clothes almost every month without realizing how much waste I was creating. I later learned that a single pair of jeans from stores like Hollister or Fashion Q uses between 3,000 and 10,000 liters. Every purchase I made was connected to a larger cycle of waste in the ecosystem. Once I understood the negative effect I was having, it made me slow down and think about how many clothes and materialistic things I buy, and change that to only buying what I actually need and thinking about how my choices affect the environment.

In today's world, overconsumption has become even worse because of social media. People are constantly shown new products, which makes them feel like they need to keep buying more. This affects younger audiences the most. I see this with my younger sister, who watches short videos online where fidget toys that have water inside of them, surprise boxes, makeup, etc are always being promoted. The algorithm keeps showing her these products, making her want them just to feel included in the trend. She is not the only one many kids are influenced in the same way without understanding the impact of purchasing these items can cause. While some items like fidget toys can help with stress, many are bought just because they are popular and are quickly thrown away. This creates a lot of plastic waste and uses important resources, like water, for things that are only used for a short time while the trend lasts and a new product is trending. Seeing this reminds me that overconsumption is not just a personal habit, but something that affects the environment.

For me, conserving water is one of the most important resources, and from seeing my family manage water costs, I learned that it is limited. Just like overbuying clothes or following trends can lead to waste, protecting water and other resources means making sure everyone has access to their daily life routine needs such as cooking. Because while many might see water as something that will last forever others wake up wondering where and when they will be able to get water. This is why individuals should conserve resources. Small actions, like using less water, buying only what you need, and being aware of waste, can make a big difference in our generation.

In the end, conservation means being responsible, not overconsuming, and thinking about the future. It means understanding that our choices matter, even when they seem small. From the clothes we buy to the water we use, everything is connected. If we all make better decisions, we can reduce waste, protect important resources like water, and help create a more sustainable world for everyone.



You are invited to

*Senior*  
*Awards Night*  
*Class Of 2026*

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5:30 PM

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El Rancho High School  
Main Gym

*Please RSVP by May 22nd*

*To: (562) 801-7540*

*or*

*[darriola@erUSD.org](mailto:darriola@erUSD.org)*



**PICO WATER DISTRICT**

**ACTION / DISCUSSION**

**END**

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. City of Pico Rivera Notice to All Residents – Illegal Fireworks Prohibited

# **PICO WATER DISTRICT**

**City of Pico Rivera Notice to All  
Residents – Illegal Fireworks  
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# CITY OF PICO RIVERA

CALIFORNIA

## NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS

# ILLEGAL FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED IN PICO RIVERA



For the safety of our community, the possession, sale, use, or discharge of **ILLEGAL FIREWORKS** is prohibited within the City of Pico Rivera.



### KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Fireworks can cause serious injuries, fires, and property damage.



### PROTECT OUR PETS

Fireworks cause fear and stress to animals.



### RESPECT OUR NEIGHBORS

Let's keep our community peaceful and enjoyable for all.



### SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING!

Report illegal fireworks to the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station  
**(562) 949-2421**



## VIIOLATORS MAY BE CITED UP TO A \$1,000 FINE

Violations are punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.

**BE SAFE. BE RESPONSIBLE. PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.**

This notice is issued by the **Community Economic Development Division**  
City of Pico Rivera



**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

**PICO WATER DISTRICT**  
**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**  
**END**

**AGENDA END**