MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PICO WATER DISTRICT

The 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, August 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Vice President Pete Ramirez called the meeting to order.

The District's General Manager, 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, and Vice President Pete Ramirez. President Raymond Rodriguez was absent. Mr. Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel for the District, also attended the meeting. Director David Angelo and Legal Counsel Jim Ciampa participated via Zoom.

Vice President Pete Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance; Director David Gonzales provided the invocation.

Vice President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Vice President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the adoption of the Agenda. Director David Gonzales made the motion to adopt the Agenda, as presented, and Director Victor Caballero seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 4-0, with President Raymond Rodriguez absent.

Vice President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item, Approval of the Consent Calendar. Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, which consisted of the Minutes from the July 15th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, accounts now due and payable, bills approved by the General Manager for June 2026, and approval of the June 2026 Financial Statement, Mr. Rivera reviewed the District's operating revenues and expenses, operating income, year-to-date financial performance, budget status, and significant expenditures for the month of June. Director Victor Caballero made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, and Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 4-0, with President Raymond Rodriguez absent.

Vice President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Action and Discussion Items.

The Chief Administrative Officer presented a staff report regarding the selection of an independent audit firm to provide annual financial audit services to the District for Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, and 2028. Staff reported that proposals were received from two qualified firms and recommended Nigro & Nigro, PC based upon the proposed fees, fixed annual cost, qualifications, references, and experience providing governmental audit services. Discussion followed regarding the proposed three-year term, optional extensions, the benefits of periodically rotating audit firms, and the qualifications and references of the proposing firms. Director Victor Caballero made the motion to approve entering into a contract with Nigro & Nigro, PC to provide annual independent financial audit services to the District for Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, and 2028, and to authorize the General Manager to execute a three-year professional services agreement in an amount not to exceed $78,000. Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 4-0, with President Raymond Rodriguez absent.

The General Manager presented the next item, consideration of Resolution No. 255 authorizing the General Manager as the District's primary representative and the Director of Operations as the alternate representative to the Central Basin Water Rights Panel. The General Manager explained that the District had been selected to represent the Small Pumpers Group on the Water Rights Panel and provided an overview of the Panel's role in matters involving groundwater rights and basin management. Legal Counsel Ciampa provided additional information regarding the Central Basin Judgment, Watermaster structure, and role of the Water Rights Panel. Discussion followed. Director Victor Caballero made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 255 authorizing the General Manager to serve as the primary representative and the Director of Operations to serve as the alternate representative to the Water Rights Panel. Director David Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote, 4-0, with President Raymond Rodriguez absent.

Vice President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, General Manager's Report. The General Manager reviewed the District's monthly quote and provided updates regarding District operations, monthly billing and service disconnections, PFAS treatment activities, upcoming District meetings and events, and the District's participation in the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce Installation and Awards Luncheon. The General Manager recognized District staff for their customer service efforts and thanked the Board for its continued participation in community events.

Vice President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Legal Counsel Report. Legal Counsel Jim Ciampa reported that he had no items to report and advised the Board that there would be no Closed Session.

Vice President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Director's Request for Future Agenda Items. There were no requests for future agenda items.

Vice President Pete Ramirez proceeded to the next item on the Agenda, Board Member Comments. Board members commented regarding regional water agencies and the District's recent Employee Appreciation Picnic. Board members expressed appreciation for the event and commented positively regarding employee participation and staff morale.

There was no Closed Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately **6:13 p.m.**

Pete Ramirez, Vice President

Attest:

Joe D. Basulto, Secretary
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