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**CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC FORUMS ON APPLE VALLEY RANCHOS
WATER AND PARK WATER RATE INCREASE REQUESTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 11, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold two public forums for customers of Liberty Utilities' Apple Valley Ranchos Water Corp. and Park Water Corp. to give their perspective and input to the CPUC regarding the requests by the utilities to increase rates, as follows:

- **October 18, 2018, 1 p.m. AND 6 p.m.:**

Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Dr., Bellflower, CA 90706

- **October 25, 2018, 1 p.m. AND 6 p.m.:**

Apple Valley Conference Center, 14975 Dale Evans, Apple Valley, CA 92307

The CPUC welcomes attendance to these public forums (called Public Participation Hearings), as public comments help the CPUC reach an informed decision.

Apple Valley Ranchos Water is requesting CPUC approval (A.18-01-002) to increase revenues by \$759,752 (3.09 percent) in 2019 over current revenues; by \$1.25 million (4.91 percent) in 2020; and by \$944,162 (3.51 percent) in 2021. In total, the increases would amount to \$2.95 million over three years, resulting in an \$18.17 bi-monthly increase to the average customer bill by the year 2021.

Additionally, Apple Valley Ranchos Water is requesting CPUC approval to increase revenues in its Yermo service area by \$226,069 (80.24 percent) in 2019 over current revenues; by \$63,050 (12.45 percent) in 2020; and by \$43,065 (7.58 percent) in 2021. Apple Valley Ranchos Water is also requesting to phase-in Yermo's rate increases at 15 percent per year, over six years (2019 – 2024), to



level out the rate increase. In total, the increases would amount to \$332,184 for this rate case cycle, resulting in a \$28.43 bi-monthly increase to the average customer bill by the year 2021.

Park Water is requesting CPUC approval (A.18-01-003) to increase revenues by \$1.1 million (3.21 percent) in 2019 over current revenues; by \$1.77 million (4.98 percent) in 2020; and by \$1.94 million (5.24 percent) in 2021. In total, the increases would amount to \$4.83 million over three years, resulting in a \$20.70 bi-monthly increase to the average customer bill by the year 2021.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken on these applications at the public forums.

For those unable to attend in person, written comments may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to proceeding number A.18-01-002 for Apple Valley Ranchos Water and A.18-01-003 for Park Water on any written or email correspondence regarding these proceedings. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the cases.

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the hearing.

The notice of these Public Participation Hearings is at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M228/K330/228330226.PDF>.

Documents related to proceeding A.18-01-002 for Apple Valley Ranchos Water are available at https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1801002.

Documents related to proceeding A.18-01-003 for Park Water are available at https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1801003.

For more information on Public Participation Hearings, please see www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH.



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