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**CPUC HOLDS ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS ON
GOLDEN STATE WATER RATE INCREASE REQUEST**

SAN FRANCISCO, February 28, 2012 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold additional Public Participation Hearings regarding Golden State Water Company's rate increase request. The dates and locations of the Public Participation Hearings are as follows:

- February 29, 2012, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. (two hearings) at Chaparral High School, 414 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai
- March 1, 2012, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. (two hearings) at Bell Gardens Council Chambers, 7100 S. Garfield Ave., Bell Gardens
- March 2, 2012, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. (two hearings) at Stanton Community Center, 7800 Katella Ave., Stanton
- March 13, 2012, 4 p.m. at Calipatria High School, Wirt Auditorium, 601 W. Main St., Calipatria

The CPUC held a series of Public Participation Hearings in this case in November/December 2011.

Public Participation Hearings are scheduled to provide the public an opportunity to comment on Golden State Water Company's request. Comments from the public can help the CPUC reach an informed decision, and consumers are encouraged to attend. The CPUC is interested in comments about the rate application and any aspect of Golden State Water Company's operations, customer service, or other issues related to the company.

Written comments may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., Room 2103, San Francisco, CA 94102 or via email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to Golden State Water Company's Application number A.11-07-017 on any written or email correspondence. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.

Privately owned water companies in California cannot increase their rates without CPUC approval. Golden State Water Company filed its Application with the CPUC to request permission to raise its rates, stating that increases are necessary to meet its goals to ensure a safe and reliable source of supply, improve infrastructure, and to promote the efficient use of water.

For more information about this case, including proposed new rates, please see www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend the Public Participation Hearings, no official action will be taken.

If specialized accommodations are needed, such as sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390.

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