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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of SAN JOSE WATER COMPANY (U168W) for an Order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service by \$34,288,100 or 9.76% in 2019, by \$14,231,800 or 3.70% in 2020, and by \$20,581,700 or 5.17% in 2021.

Application 18-01-004

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
NOTICING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING**

This ruling sets the schedule for a public participation hearing (PPH) to provide an opportunity for customers of San Jose Water Company (SJWC) to communicate directly with the Commission, SJWC, and others regarding the SJWC Application. PPHs are official Commission proceedings at which members of the public can make comments on a utility's Application. An Administrative Law Judge presides over the hearing and the comments are recorded by a court reporter. The transcript from the PPH is part of the record of the proceeding.

**Availability of Documents for Public Inspection**

The Application including Exhibits A through D is available on the Commission's web site at the following link:

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=ALL&DocID=204158668>

Members of the public wishing to review the full application, including the remaining exhibits, should contact John Tang, VP of Government Relations at SJWC at (john.tang@sjwater.com) or (4082797933).

**Major Capital Projects**

Exhibit G to the Application lists SJWC’s proposed capital expenditures for the three year period commencing January 1, 2018. The largest capital expenditures for which SJWC seeks approval are for pipeline replacement and groundwater well replacement, as shown on the following table:

Year	Pipeline Replacement Cost	Groundwater Well Replacement Cost
2018	\$45,877,500	
2019	\$46,456,300	\$15,963,900
2020	\$44,585,400	\$5,711,900

**PPH Format**

The PPH will start with presentations from Commission staff or the Administrative Law Judge regarding (a) participation in Commission proceedings and (b) the specific Application under consideration. It is anticipated that the Administrative Law Judge or the Public Advisor’s Office will give the presentation on participation and that the industry division will give the presentation regarding the Application. Parties will not be permitted to make formal presentations as part of the PPH.

**Schedule and Public Notice Requirements**

The table below sets out the time, date and location of the PPH.

Date and Time	City	Meeting Location
May 30, 2018, 6:30 p.m.	San Jose	City Council Chambers 200 East Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA 95133

SJWC shall provide public notice of the PPHs in accordance with the ordering paragraphs below. The Commission has also asked SJWC to provide customer service staff outside the hearing room for customers to ask them questions about their bills.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. A public participation hearing for Application 18-01-004 will be held, and is scheduled, as set forth above.

2. San Jose Water Company (SJWC) shall prepare and provide to the Public Advisor's Office a draft of a bill insert notice informing its customers about the Public Participation Hearing, the purpose of the Public Participation Hearing, a summary of the relief that SJWC is requesting in the proceeding, and the date, time, and location of the Public Participation Hearing. The Public Advisor's office may alter or require changes to the bill insert notice.

3. After the Public Advisor's Office approves the language in the bill insert notice, San Jose Water Company shall, to the extent feasible, include the notice in the monthly bills of all of its customers. To the extent that any customers are billed electronically via the Internet, notice to those customers may be given electronically.

4. For each Public Participation Hearing, San Jose Water Company (SJWC) shall also cause the approved notice to be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in its general service area where the Public Participation Hearing will be held for at least five days before the scheduled Public Participation Hearing. SJWC shall also prominently post a notice of the Public Participation Hearing in all of their offices in which SJWC's customers come into contact with its customer service representatives.

5. San Jose Water Company shall provide the Public Advisor's Office, not later than five days prior to the Public Participation Hearing, a letter verifying that it has complied with the customer notice requirement. The compliance letter shall state the date(s) notices were sent to customers and the approximate number of customers so notified. One copy of the actual notice shall be attached. The compliance letter shall also provide the dates and locations of publication and posting.

6. San Jose Water Company shall have a customer service representative in attendance at the Public Participation Hearing to answer any billing or service questions that individual customers may have. Employee(s) knowledgeable about the Application and customer service representative(s) must be available during all Public Participation Hearings.

Dated April 25, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KARL J. BEMESDERFER

Karl J. Bemesderfer  
Administrative Law Judge