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

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY (U-60-W), a California corporation, for an order (1) authorizing it to increase rates for water service by \$50,673,500 or 7.6% in test year 2020, (2) authorizing it to increase rates on January 1, 2021 by \$31,461,900 or 4.4% and on January 1, 2022 by \$33,000,700 or 4.4% in accordance with the Rate Case Plan, and (3) adopting other related rulings and relief necessary to implement the Commission's ratemaking policies.

Application 18-07-001

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

This ruling sets the schedule for public participation hearings (PPHs) to provide an opportunity for customers of the Applicant California Water Service Company (CalWater) to communicate directly with the Commission regarding the CalWater General Rate Case application captioned above.

CalWater shall provide public notice of the PPHs in accordance with the ordering paragraphs below. The date, times and location for the PPHs are hereby scheduled, as set forth below.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. Twelve public participation hearings will be held in proceeding Application 18-07-001, and are scheduled, as follows, in the service territories of California Water Service Company (CalWater):

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>
January 24, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Dixon	Council Chambers 600 East A Street
February 4, 2019 7:00 p.m.	Palmdale	Council Chambers 38300 Sierra Highway
February 5, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Bakersfield	Council Chambers 1600 Truxtun Avenue
February 6, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Kernville	Chamber of Commerce 11447 Kernville Road
February 7, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Selma	Council Chambers 1710 Tucker Street
February 11, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Lucerne	Alpine Senior Center 3985 Country Club Drive
February 12, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Chico	Board Room Butte County Assoc. of Governments 326 Huss Drive
February 13, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Willows	Council Chambers 201 North Lassen Street

February 14, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Oroville	Council Chambers 1735 Montgomery Street
February 19, 2019 7:00 p.m.	Torrance	Council Chambers 3031 Torrance Boulevard
February 20, 2019 7:00 p.m.	Montebello	Council Chambers 1600 West Beverley Boulevard
February 25, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Stockton	Auditorium Stockton State Building 31 East Channel Street

2. CalWater shall prepare a single bill insert notice or separate mailing notice informing its customers of the public participation hearing in each respective district. CalWater shall prepare and provide the draft notices to the Commission’s Public Advisor’s Office in San Francisco on or before December 21, 2018.<sup>1</sup> The draft notices shall provide language to inform CalWater’s customers about the Public Participation Hearing (PPH) in their district, the purpose of the PPH, a summary of the specific relief that CalWater is requesting in the proceeding, and the date, time and location of the PPH for their district. The Public Advisor’s Office may alter or require changes to the bill inserts as it deems necessary.

3. As soon as the Public Advisor’s Office approves the language of each notice, CalWater shall, following consultation with the Public Advisor’s Office and to

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<sup>1</sup> To expedite the review process, CalWater may submit the draft notice to the Cal Advocates via e-mail at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov).

the extent feasible, include the notice in the monthly bills of all its customers in that district in advance of the date specified in paragraph 1, above, for that specific water district. To the extent that any CalWater customers are billed electronically, notice to those customers may be given electronically. Should it not be feasible to include notice of the PPHs in the monthly bills or should there not be timely notice of the PPHs, in the opinion of the Public Advisor's Office, by delivering a notice with the bills, then CalWater will make a separate US Postal Service mailing to all its customers in that water district that it will afford its customers in that district timely notice.

4. Following consultation with the Public Advisor's Office, CalWater shall also cause the approved notice for a specific water district to be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in that district, at least five (5) days in advance of the PPH scheduled in that district. CalWater shall also post notice of the PPH in a water district in CalWater's office(s) in that district, in an area of that office where CalWater's customers interact with CalWater's service representatives.

5. No later than five (5) days before each scheduled PPH, CalWater shall provide the Public Advisor's Office with a letter verifying that it has complied with the customer notice requirement. The compliance letter shall state the date(s) that 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 of the notice.

6. CalWater shall have at least one customer service representative in attendance at each PPH to answer questions that individual customers may have.

7. CalWater shall present a brief (not to exceed five minutes) summary of their position at the beginning of each PPH scheduled above. Any other party desiring to make a presentation should make a request to the assigned Administrative Law Judges and Public Advisor's Office and served on the service list, no later than five days in advance of the PPH at which they intend to present.

Dated December 18, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ERIC WILDGRUBE  
Eric Wildgrube  
Administrative Law Judge

/s/ ERIC WILDGRUBE for  
Charles Ferguson  
Administrative Law Judge