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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER
COMPANY (U337W) for an
authorized Cost of Capital for 2024
through 2026.

Application 23-05-001

And Related Matters.

Application 23-05-002

Application 23-05-003

Application 23-05-004

**EMAIL RULING SETTING REMOTE PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION HEARINGS**

Dated September 22, 2023, at San Francisco, California.

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E-MAIL RULING OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SETTING REMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS

This ruling sets two remote public participation hearings (PPHs) on November 9, 2023 (at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.) regarding the applications of San Gabriel Valley Water Company (San Gabriel), Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks), Suburban Water Systems (Suburban), and Park Water Corp. and Apple Valley Ranchos Water Corp. (Liberty) who individually filed applications (A.) 23-05-001, 23-05-002, 23-05-003, and 23-05-004 on May 1, 2023 for an authorized cost of capital. This ruling directs San Gabriel, Great Oaks, Suburban and Liberty (collectively “Small Water Utilities”) to provide their customers with notice of the remote PPHs.

The remote PPHs are an opportunity for the customers to communicate directly with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) regarding the revenue and rate base changes proposed in Small Water Utilities’ applications. Written

public comments may also be provided at any time during the proceeding using the “Add Public Comment” button on the “Public Comment” tab at:

San Gabriel Valley Water Company: apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305001

Great Oaks Water Company: apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305002

Suburban Water Systems: apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305003

Park Water Corp. and Apple Valley Ranchos Water Corp.:
apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305004

1. How to View the Remote PPHs and Participate

The two remote PPHs for the cost of capital applications of the Small Water Utilities will be held as follows:

Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

These remote PPHs can be accessed as follows:

To listen and/or comment publicly: 1-800-857-1917 Passcode for English: 6032788# Press “*1” to alert the operator you want to speak.	To view online: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/
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Updates and further information are available at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph.

Participants may observe the PPH via the webcast information provided above. To provide a public comment, participants must use the toll-free telephone number and participant code noted above. When it is time for public comment, the Administrative Law Judge will make an announcement through the telephone line for those who wish to speak. Participants who wish to speak must then press “star one” to alert the operator, who will then queue the speakers one-at-a-time and announce each speaker’s name at the allotted time.

The Commission's court reporters will transcribe/record the statements made during the hearings and post the transcripts on the Commission's website in the Docket Card for this proceeding, which may be accessed at:

San Gabriel Valley Water Company: apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2305001

Great Oaks Water Company: apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2305002

Suburban Water Systems: apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2305003

Park Water Corp. and Apple Valley Ranchos Water Corp.:

apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2305004

2. Bill Insert Notices

Each of the Small Water Utilities shall prepare bill insert notices informing its customers of these PPHs and provide a draft of the notice to the Commission's Public Advisor's Office within ten days of the issuance of this ruling. The draft notice shall inform the utilities' customers about the upcoming remote PPHs, including the purpose of the PPHs, a summary of the relief each utility is requesting in its application, as well as the date, time, and how to participate in the streaming and telephonic services for the remote PPHs. The Public Advisor's Office may alter or require changes to the bill insert notices.

After the Public Advisor's Office approves the language in the bill insert notice, the utilities shall deliver the notice to all its customers. To the extent that any customers are billed electronically via the Internet, notice to those customers may be given electronically. Where customer email addresses are available, each utility shall also provide the notice through email communication. With each notice it sends by mail or email to an individual customer, each utility shall include a hyperlink to (if notice is electronic) or the URL for (if notice is by regular mail) www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph, where a Fact Sheet, prepared by the Commission, will be available for each customer.

3. Public Notice

Pursuant to Rule 13.1(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, each of the Small Water Utilities shall also publish the approved notice in one or more newspapers of general circulation in each of their service regions, not less than five days before the first PPH listed above. In a geographic region with a notable number of non-English speaking customers, notice of the PPHs should also be published in a regional newspaper in those languages. Each utility shall also prominently post a notice of the PPHs on its website and in all its offices where customers encounter a customer service representative. Each utility shall also provide the Public Advisor's Office, not later than five days prior to the first PPH, 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, the method used, and the approximate number of customers notified. One copy of the actual notice shall be attached. The compliance letter shall also provide the dates and locations of publication and posting.

IT IS Ruled that:

1. The schedule for public participation hearings is as set forth above and adopted.
2. San Gabriel Valley Water Company, Great Oaks Water Company, Suburban Water Systems, and Park Water Corp. and Apple Valley Ranchos Water Corp shall provide notice to the public and its individual customers of the public participation hearings as directed above.
3. San Gabriel Valley Water Company, Great Oaks Water Company, Suburban Water Systems, and Park Water Corp. and Apple Valley Ranchos Water Corp. shall file and provide the Public Advisor's Office of the Commission a letter verifying they have complied with the directives in this ruling no later than five days before the first public participation hearing.

THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.

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