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

Application of SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY (U337W) for Authority to Increase Rates Charged for Water Service in its Los Angeles County Division by \$13,758,500 or 13.2% in July 2026, \$4,535,700 or 3.8% in July 2027, and \$4,867,900 or 4.0% in July 2028, and in its Fontana Water Company division by \$12,335,200 or 12.7% in July 2026, \$4,368,100 or 3.9% in July 2027, and \$4,467,900 or 3.9% in July 2028, and related relief.

Application 25-01-001

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE DATE  
AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

This ruling sets a virtual prehearing conference (PHC) for Thursday, **April 10, 2025**, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Parties must identify by April 1, 2025 the name, title, email address, and phone number of the person who will be the primary spokesperson for them and the same information any secondary speakers. This information should be served on the service list.

Parties and any interested persons shall appear by using the following information:

Date & Time: Thursday, April 10, 2025  
2:00 p.m. PDT

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**1. Agenda**

During the PHC, we will discuss the following:

1. Appearances and Service list.
2. Schedule: Included in this ruling is my alternative proposed schedule for parties to review and then discuss at the PHC. This schedule is intended to maximize the time for investigation and analysis by the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates) as well as provide sufficient time for the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and commissioner to draft a proposed decision and timely serve it for public comment before the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) acts in June 2026.
3. Scope: The initial scope of the proceeding was framed by San Gabriel Valley Water Company's application and Cal Advocates in its reply. The parties and any other intervenor in their protests or at the PHC may raise other issues.
4. Settlement: The Commission's rate case plan mandates an effort to settle. The focus of discussion should be on:
  - Scheduling a "neutral" judge to act as a mediator;
  - Completing any mediation process within the required 18 months for rate case plans. Therefore, there needs to be a deadline for filing any whole or partial settlement. We need to determine a reasonable deadline. I propose

on or before filing Opening Briefs on November 10, 2025, on the ALJ's Proposed Schedule below.

5. Discovery: Please begin discovery. Any claims of privilege or confidentiality must be raised promptly and not deferred to the otherwise expected due date of a data response.
6. Intervenor and Rebuttal Testimony: Intervenors must use the exact same name, or term, or initial description of any topic as presented by San Gabriel Valley Water Company in its application and testimony, *e.g.*, a request for a new balancing account needs to be named or described in the same way. Parties then have absolute free range to subsequently fully and freely express their support, alternatives, or opposition in a respectful and professional manner with persuasive evidence and testimony.
7. Briefs: Parties need to agree on a sequence and list of topics to be briefed.
8. Any other items of interest or concern to the parties.

**2. Proposed Schedule**

This schedule is subject to modification by the assigned Commissioner Darcie L. Houck in her Scoping Memo and Ruling subsequent to the PHC. In the interim, parties should use the ALJ Proposed Schedule below. The parties may discuss modifications to the ALJ Proposed Schedule at the PHC.

EVENT	DATE
Application Filed	January 2, 2025
Protests Due	February 3, 2025
PHC	April 10, 2025
Public Participation Hearings	July 9 and July 14, 2025
Intervenor Testimony Served	July 18, 2025
Rebuttal Testimony	September 16, 2025
Alternative Dispute Resolution Process	September 22, 2025

EVENT	DATE
Evidentiary Hearings (if required)	October 13 through 17, 2025
Opening Briefs Filed and Served	November 10, 2025
Reply Briefs Filed and Served (with Comparison Exhibit)	December 1, 2025
Water Division Technical Conference	December 15, 2025
Proposed Decision Mailed	May 14, 2026
Commission Meeting	June 18, 2026

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. A prehearing conference in Application 25-01-001 is scheduled and will be held on Thursday, **April 10, 2025**, starting at 2:00 p.m.
2. Parties may discuss and propose variations to the Administrative Law Judge Proposed Schedule at the prehearing conference.

Dated March 12, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MINH LeQUANG  
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Administrative Law Judge