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Kimberly Graves,

Complainant,

vs.

California Water Service Company
(U-60W),

Defendant.

Case (C.) 25-05-021

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING PROVIDING EVIDENTIARY HEARING INSTRUCTIONS

This ruling provides instructions on the evidentiary hearing.

1. Hearing Information

Remote Webex hearings will be held on January 30, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Non-speaking party representatives and any interested persons may appear virtually via Webex using the following information:

- **Join link:**
<https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m1c775f6eb9fe6fe43ed2c003dd29e4f>
- **Meeting password:** bFMhY967RrW
- **Meeting number (access code):** 2492 075 1157
- **Join by phone:**
 - 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free
 - +1-415-655-0002 United States Toll

- **Access code:** 2492 075 1157

The proceeding analysts assigned to this proceeding are:

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Please contact the proceeding analysts with any technical questions regarding complying with this ruling. Parties should include both analysts in any communications.

All parties shall closely monitor emails and other communications related to the scheduled hearings to ensure awareness of schedule changes, additional instructions, and other issues that may arise

2. Schedule of the Evidentiary Hearing

The remote evidentiary hearing for this proceeding will be held for one day on Friday, January 30, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All participants should be logged by 9:00 a.m. to test their audio and visual connections and address any other technical issues.

At the beginning of the hearing day, I will address housekeeping issues (e.g., witness order, exhibits, and other similar issues to move the proceeding efficiently). Complainant will conduct her cross-examination first. I plan to take a one-hour break around 12:30 p.m., a natural break point, and short breaks during the day as appropriate. I will address remaining procedural issues at the end of the day. The hearing day will end at approximately 3:30 p.m.

3. Speakers/Witnesses/Participants

Parties are directed to provide the following information to the proceeding analysts no later than Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

1. Name of the Party
2. Lead representative/primary speaker: Name, position/title, email address and telephone number

3. Additional individuals expected to speak at the hearing:
Name, position/title, role (witness/counsel/other (specify), email address, and telephone number.

Participants will be emailed a Webex panelist link prior to the hearing.

Parties are advised that participants who have been emailed a panelist link may not be able to join using the public Webex link above. All participants are advised to monitor their email prior to the hearing to make sure that they receive the panelist link to log onto the hearing.

Non-speaking attendees using the public Webex link provided above will not appear on the screen and will not be audible during the hearing.

4. Advanced Distribution of Exhibits and Additional Exhibit Instructions

Prior to the hearings, the parties should work together to prepare a final list of exhibits that includes a proposed exhibit number, sponsoring witness, brief description of each exhibit, indication whether parties stipulate to the admission of the exhibit, and a link to the uploaded exhibit (for non-confidential exhibits only) on the Commission's Supporting Documents Platform.

An example of an Exhibit List is shown below:

Exhibit No.	Sponsoring Witness	Description (& Document Date)	Parties Stipulate to Admission? (Y/N)	Link to Supporting Documents Platform

As to exhibit numbers, the parties may include their name or party initials followed by a number ascending in numerical order. For example, complainant Kimberly Graves may list exhibits as follows: Graves-1, Graves-2, Graves-3, etc.

Similarly, defendant California Water Service Company may list exhibits as follows: CalWater-1, CalWater -2, CalWater -3, etc.

Parties shall pre-mark their exhibits so that each piece of testimony includes the proposed exhibit number following the naming convention described above.

California Water Service Company (Cal Water) should coordinate and assemble the exhibit list. Cal Water shall email the exhibit list to the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. Cal Water shall also transmit a PDF and an editable MS Word version of the final exhibit list to the proceeding analysts.

Cross-examination exhibits shall be served on the service list and uploaded to the Supporting Documents Platform no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day before the hearing. If this deadline is missed and a party still seeks to use the exhibit, the party will be required to show good cause as to why the deadline was not met. Such requests may be denied at the ALJ's discretion if the delay is deemed prejudicial.

Cross-examination exhibits intended for use as impeachment exhibits must be sent no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. If this deadline is missed and a party still wants to use the impeachment exhibit, the party will be required to show good cause why they could not have met the 8:00 a.m. deadline. Such requests may be denied at the ALJ's discretion if the delay is deemed prejudicial.

Generally, corrections to an exhibit should be made in advance and not orally from the witness stand. Corrections should be made immediately following identification of the need for correction. The corrected exhibit and a redlined version should be served on the service list and uploaded to the

Supporting Documents Platform. In the redlined copy, the original text to be deleted should be lined out and substitute or added text should be underlined. Each correction page should be marked with the word “revised” and the revision date. The Exhibit List should link to the final version of the exhibit and the redlined version.

Partial documents or excerpts from documents must include a title page or first page from the source document; excerpts from lengthy documents should include a table of contents page covering the excerpted material. It may be helpful to include language before and after the excerpt to provide clarity or context.

5. Confidential Materials

If any party anticipates referring to confidential materials during the hearing, the party shall e-mail a notice to the ALJ and the service list no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 to ensure the necessary arrangements can be made for a confidential session. The requesting party shall consult with other parties to compile a list of the names and e-mail addresses of persons who wish to participate in the confidential session and are authorized access to the confidential materials to be referenced and shall include the list in its notice to the ALJ and the service list. The requesting party shall also email the list to the proceeding analysts.

6. Prehearing Motions

Any remaining prehearing motions shall be filed by January 26, 2026. Any response to a prehearing motion filed after the date of this ruling shall be filed no later than January 28, 2026. Any motions not filed by this date must be raised orally at the hearing.

7. Other Matters

If necessary, I may modify these instructions during the hearing as needed to facilitate an efficient and effective hearing.

IT IS RULED that:

1. An evidentiary hearing for Complaint 25-05-021 is set for January 30, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
2. The parties shall comply with the procedural instructions for the evidentiary hearings set forth in this ruling.

Dated January 21, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ SUMAN MATHEWS

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Administrative Law Judge