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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Jose Water Company (U168W) for Approval of Cost Recovery for PFAS Remediation.	Application 26-04-010

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING HEARING DATES AND OTHER DIRECTIVES

This ruling sets forth a hearing schedule for the Application of San Jose Water Company (U168W) for Approval of Cost Recovery for Request for Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Remediation.

1. Background

On April 10, 2026, San Jose Water Company (U168W) filed an Application for Approval of Cost Recovery for PFAS Remediation (Application.). On May 13, 2026, the Public Advocates Office of the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates) filed a Protest to the Application. On May 26, 2026, San Jose Water Company filed a Reply to the Protest. A Prehearing Conference was held on July 2, 2026, and a Scoping Memo was issued on July 29, 2027. On October 12, 2026, San Jose Water Company and Cal Advocates filed a joint motion requesting evidentiary hearings.

2. Hearings

Evidentiary hearings will be conducted in person at the Commission's San Francisco Hearing Room located at:

505 Van Ness Avenue, Hearing Room A, San Francisco, California 94102.

Evidentiary hearings will be conducted as follows:

January 26, 2027, 10:30-3:30
January 27, 2027, 10:30-3:30
January 28, 2027, 10:30-3:30

3. Directives to the San Jose Water Company and Cal Advocates

The parties must comply with the following directives:

1. Parties shall meet and confer and jointly create a joint witness list which shall include the name and title of every witness that will be called during evidentiary hearings. The witness list must also include an approximation as to the amount of time needed for direct and cross-examination of each witness. The witness list should be drafted in the order of appearance, if possible. The witness list must be served via email on the Service List for this proceeding no later than January 8, 2027. The subject line for the email shall state: A.26-04-010 - Witness List.
2. Parties shall meet and confer and create an Exhibit List for this proceeding. The Exhibit List Template will be emailed to the Parties via a separate email from the ALJ to the Service List. Parties shall complete the Exhibit List and email it back to the Service List no later than January 8, 2027. The subject line for the email shall state: A.26-04-010.
3. All Testimony and Exhibits, which are not confidential must be made available on the Commission's E-File Documents Portal and an electronic link must be listed on the Exhibit List.
4. At the start of evidentiary hearings (January 26, 2027) San Jose Water Company and Cal Advocates, (jointly, the parties) must bring one copy of every exhibit and/or testimony that they wish to have admitted to the record in this proceeding.[1] All exhibits shall be premarked in a consecutive order in the upper right-hand corner of the document/exhibit as follows:

[1] The parties must also ensure that each witness has their own copy of every document that they will be referring to while testifying.

EXHIBIT: San Jose Water #____ or Cal Advocates #_____
CPUC PROCEEDING: A.26-04-010
SPONSOR/WITNESS: San Jose Water or Cal Advocates
WITNESS NAME/DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION OR TITLE
DATE IDENT. _____ RECD._____
ALJ: GERALD F. KELLY

5. If an exhibit or testimony is confidential, parties shall provide both a confidential version and public version of said document. The confidential exhibit shall clearly state "CONFIDENTIAL" on the face of the document and be numbered as follows:

   EXHIBIT: San Jose Water #____C or Cal Advocates #_____C
   CPUC PROCEEDING: A.26-04-010
   SPONSOR/WITNESS: San Jose Water or Cal Advocates
   WITNESS NAME/DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION OR TITLE
   DATE IDENT. _____ RECD._____
   ALJ: GERALD F. KELLY

   Additionally, parties must place each of the confidential exhibit/testimony copies inside an envelope with the outside of the envelope and the confidential document both premarked as set forth above. The envelope must also state in bold letters "CONFIDENTIAL." The envelope with the confidential materials must also be sealed with clear tape.

6. Parties are directed not to send any paper documents to the assigned ALJ at the Los Angeles office. As directed above, all documents, testimony, and evidence listed on the Exhibit List shall be brought to the ALJ on the first day of evidentiary hearings in San Franciso.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated October 15, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GERALD F. KELLY
Gerald F. Kelly
Administrative Law Judge