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**CPUC SETS PUBLIC MEETINGS TO HEAR FROM CONSUMERS  
ABOUT WATER RATE INCREASE REQUESTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 26, 2017 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has scheduled hearings for the public to provide their perspective and input to the CPUC about the rate increase requests of San Jose Water Company, Golden State Water Company, California-American Water Company, and California Water Service Company. The Public Participation Hearings take place as follows:

- **Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, 6 p.m.:** Junipero Serra State Office Building, Carmel Room/Auditorium, 320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Los Angeles, CA 90013
- **Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, 6 p.m.:** Hilltop Park Center, Main Hall, 871 Jessie St., Monterey, CA 93940
- **Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, 7:30 p.m.:** City Hall of San Jose City Council Chambers, 200 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose, CA 95113

San Jose Water Company is requesting authority to increase rates to establish its authorized cost of capital for 2018-2020. San Jose Water requests CPUC approval to increase its rate of return from currently authorized 8.09 percent to 8.63 percent for 2018, 2019, and 2020. If authorized by the CPUC, this would result in an overall increase in revenues of \$7,550,000 (2.10 percent) beginning January 1, 2018.

Golden State Water Company is requesting an increase in rates to establish its authorized cost of capital and rate of return for utility operations for 2018-2020. Golden State Water requests CPUC approval to increase its rate of return of 0.77 percent from the current percentage of 8.34 to 9.11 percent for 2018, 2019, and 2020. Golden State Water's application is requesting an overall increase in revenues of \$11.7 million, which includes an increase in its Region 2 area of \$5.6 million



(4.4 percent), an increase in Region 3 of \$4.4 million (3.8 percent), an increase in the Simi Valley area of \$200,000 (1.6 percent), and an increase in the Bay Point area of \$189,000 (3.4 percent) beginning on January 1, 2018.

California-American Water is requesting an increase in rates to establish its cost of capital and rate of return for 2018-2020 for all its districts. California-American Water's application requests an increase of 0.08 percent in the rate of return from the current return rate of 8.41 percent to 8.49 percent for 2018-2020. Overall, the proposed changes to its cost of capital would increase its currently authorized revenues by \$4,877,000 (1 percent) beginning on January 1, 2018.

California Water Service Company is requesting an increase in rates to establish its cost of capital and rate of return for 2018-2020 for all its districts. California Water Service's application requests an increase of 1.05 percent in the rate of return from the current return rate of 7.94 percent to 8.31 percent for 2018-2020. Overall, the proposed changes to its cost of capital would increase its currently authorized revenues statewide by \$9,296,200 (1.43 percent) beginning on January 1, 2018.

At these Public Participation Hearings, a CPUC Administrative Law Judge will preside and listen to concerns, comments, and opinions on the proposed rate changes of the four water companies.

The CPUC welcomes attendance, as public comments help the CPUC reach an informed decision.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken.

A Spanish language translator will be at the hearings. If you need a different non-English language translator or other special assistance/accommodations, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov) or toll free at 866-849-8390.

For those unable to attend a Public Participation Hearing in person, written comments on any proceeding may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov). Please include the proceeding number of the water company you are writing about on any written or email correspondence. All public comments



received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.

Documents related to the proceedings are available at:

- **San Jose Water Company (A.17-04-001):**  
[https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5\\_PROCEEDING\\_SELECT:A1704001](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1704001)
- **Golden State Water Company (A.17-04-002):**  
[https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5\\_PROCEEDING\\_SELECT:A1704002](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1704002)
- **California-American Water Company (A.17-04-003):**  
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- **California Water Service Company (A.17-04-006):**  
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