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Docket #: A.18-01-004

**CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC FORUM ON  
SAN JOSE WATER COMPANY'S RATE INCREASE REQUEST**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a public forum to provide an opportunity for customers of San Jose Water Company to give their perspective and input to the CPUC about the utility's request to increase rates in 2019-2021, as follows:

**When:**

May 30, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

- Beginning at 6 p.m., representatives from the CPUC and others will be available in the lobby to provide information about the proceeding and answer questions. The forum begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:**

San Jose City Council Chambers, 200 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose, CA 95113

The public forum, called a Public Participation Hearing, will begin with a brief presentation on the proceeding and an overview of San Jose Water Company's rate request; then public comments will be heard. The CPUC Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case will preside over the public forum. The Administrative Law Judge is scheduled to write a proposed decision in the case for CPUC Commissioner consideration by the end of the year. The CPUC welcomes attendance and participation, as public comments help the CPUC reach an informed decision.

This proceeding is referred to as San Jose Water Company's General Rate Case (GRC). A GRC is a public proceeding at the CPUC that most utilities go through every three years. GRCs enable the CPUC to set the revenue a utility will collect from its consumers through rates. You can learn more about utility GRCs in our video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRksVgvkc-Y>.



In this GRC, San Jose Water Company is asking for CPUC authority to increase rates charged for water service to \$34,288,100 (or 9.76 percent) in 2019; \$14,231,800 (or 3.70 percent) in 2020; and \$20,581,700 (or 5.17 percent) in 2021. San Jose Water Company also seeks CPUC approval for: 1) recovery of \$13,612,774 from its balancing account via a 12-month \$0.2973/ccf customer surcharge beginning 2019, and 2) recovery of \$7,112,350 from its memorandum account via a surcharge of \$0.1553/ccf until recovered (one ccf equals 748 gallons). A balancing account tracks the incremental over and under collection of rates, surcharges, and certain expenses (such as purchased water and groundwater extraction charges) for future recovery or refund by the utility. A memorandum account tracks specific expenses assigned for possible future recovery, such as conservation expenses.

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

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 refer to proceeding number A.18-01-004 on any written or email correspondence about this proceeding. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.

The Ruling setting the Public Participation Hearing is available at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M213/K509/213509031.PDF>.

Documents related to the proceeding are available at: [https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5\\_PROCEEDING\\_SELECT:A1801004](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1801004).

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend a Public Participation Hearing, such as non-English language interpreters, 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 at least five business days in advance of the hearing.

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