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**CPUC TO HOLD TWO PUBLIC FORUMS IN SACRAMENTO ON
CAL-AM'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE FRUITRIDGE VISTA WATER**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold two public forums to provide an opportunity for residents and organizations to provide their perspective and input to the CPUC about California-American Water Company's (Cal-Am) request for CPUC approval to purchase and operate Fruitridge Vista Water Company.

When: Monday, July 30, 2018, 6 p.m. **AND** Tuesday, July 31, 2018, 6 p.m.

Where: Fruitridge Community Center, 4000 Fruitridge Rd., Sacramento, CA, 95820

The CPUC welcomes attendance at these two public forums (called Public Participation Hearings), as public comments help the CPUC reach an informed decision.

On October 16, 2017, Cal-Am and Fruitridge Vista submitted an application to the CPUC requesting approval for Cal-Am to purchase Fruitridge Vista. Cal-Am is seeking to purchase Fruitridge Vista's assets and serve Fruitridge Vista's customers. Cal-Am is also asking for CPUC approval of a rate increase for the Fruitridge Vista area. If the application is approved, Fruitridge Vista customers would see an increase of 9 percent annually from 2019-2023 to address current rate structure differences and necessary infrastructure improvements, according to Cal-Am. Cal-Am's application also requests the Fruitridge Vista service territory be consolidated into Cal-Am's current Sacramento District in phases to ease rate impacts. See Cal-Am's rate chart in its customer notice at www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH.

Cal-Am provides water and/or wastewater services in parts of Los Angeles, Merced, Monterey, Placer, Sacramento, San Diego, Sonoma, Ventura, and Yolo counties. It serves approximately



630,000 customers. Fruitridge provides service to approximately 4,760 customers in a four square mile unincorporated area of Sacramento County.

A CPUC Administrative Law Judge will preside at the public forums to listen to customer concerns, comments, and opinions on the proposed application. After considering all proposals and all evidence that may be presented during the formal hearing process, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposal for the CPUC's Commissioners' consideration recommending whether to adopt Cal-Am's request, modify it, or deny it. Any of the five CPUC Commissioners may sponsor an alternate proposal. The proposal and any alternate proposals will be discussed and voted on at a CPUC Voting Meeting.

While CPUC Commissioners and/or staff may attend the public forum, no official action will be taken on Cal-Am's request at the public forum.

For those unable to attend in person, written comments may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to proceeding number A.17-10-016 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.

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:A1710016.

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the forum.

For more information on Public Participation Hearings, please see www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH.

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