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**CPUC TO HOLD REMOTE ACCESS PUBLIC FORUMS
ON CAL-AM'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE
EAST PASADENA WATER COMPANY**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22, 2020 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold remote access (virtual) public forums to provide an opportunity for customers 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 East Pasadena Water Company, as follows:

Date and Time	Access Information
Monday, August 3, 2020 2 p.m. AND 6 p.m.	Phone number: (800) 857-1917, passcode: 5248329 Webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc

Customers from all parts of Cal-Am and East Pasadena Water Company's territories are encouraged to participate in either of the public forums.

In response to Governor Newsom's directive concerning restrictions on public gatherings to protect customers and community members during COVID-19, these public forums (formally called Public Participation Hearings) will not have in-person attendance. Members of the public can view the public forums via the Internet, or listen by toll free phone line. Those who would like to make a public comment must participate by phone.

You can also make your voice heard in this proceeding - and read the comments of others - by submitting a comment on our online Docket Card's comment section at www.cpuc.ca.gov/A2004003Comment.



The remote access public forums will begin with a brief overview of Cal-Am's requests; then public comments will be heard via phone.

On April 6, 2020, Cal-Am submitted an application requesting CPUC approval for Cal-Am to purchase East Pasadena Water Company. Cal-Am is seeking to purchase East Pasadena Water's assets, serve East Pasadena's customers, and consolidate those customers for operational and ratemaking purposes as part of Cal-Am's Los Angeles County District. Cal-Am has requested that a portion of the purchase price of the East Pasadena system be recovered from all Cal-Am customers. As an illustrative example, Cal-Am estimates that if the acquisition were placed into rates immediately, it would result in an approximate 0.71 percent increase to all customers. Although Cal-Am is not seeking to adjust rates upon approval of the acquisition, rates will be adjusted in a future rates proceeding. CPUC staff estimate that Cal-Am's proposal, in which the acquisition is not placed in rates until a future proceeding, would result in a 0.60 percent increase to all customers.

Additionally, Cal-Am has requested to establish an East Pasadena Acquisition Contingency Memorandum Account to track revenue shortfalls related to the acquisition expected to be incurred prior to the consolidation in 2024. If this request is approved, Cal-Am estimates approximately \$5.7 million will be tracked in the account from 2021 through 2023 and sought for recovery in a future rate filing. This would produce an approximate bill increase of 0.60 percent if spread over a three-year period.

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 680,000 people in 50 communities. East Pasadena Water provides service to approximately 3,000 customers in Arcadia, Pasadena, San Gabriel, and Temple City.

The CPUC welcomes remote attendance and comment on Cal-Am's request at the remote access public forums, as public comments will help the CPUC reach an informed decision. The Administrative Law Judge for this proceeding is scheduled to write a Proposed Decision in the case for CPUC Commissioner consideration within a year.



While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend these remote access public forums, no official action will be taken on this matter.

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English or sign 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 days in advance of the remote access public forum.

A fact sheet and more information are available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph.

Documents related to this proceeding are available at:

https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A2004003.

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