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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM (Public Participation Hearing)
Suburban Water Systems' Request to Increase Water Rates
COST OF CAPITAL APPLICATION (A.) 23-05-003**

How can I participate?

Suburban Water Systems (Suburban) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear from you. You are invited to participate in a Public Forum, also called a Public Participation Hearing (PPH), about Suburban Water Systems' Cost of Capital application.

These Public Forums are part of a formal proceeding that will be documented and placed into the formal record so the CPUC can make a decision about Suburban Water Systems' request. You can make comments and raise concerns to the CPUC Administrative Law Judge overseeing this application.

You can also provide written public comments at any time during the proceeding at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305003.

Where and when will these Public Forums be held?

The virtual hearings can be viewed by internet, or listened to by phone, with the information below. If you wish to make a public comment, please participate by phone using the phone number below, press *1, unmute your phone and provide your name when prompted.

Date	Time	Details
November 9, 2023	2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	To listen and/or comment publicly: Phone Number: 1-800-857-1917 Passcode for English: 6032788# Press “*1” to alert the operator you want to speak View-only webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/
Please Note: If you need a language interpreter, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office using the contact information at the end of this notice at least five business days before the public forum.		

For updates and additional information, please visit: www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph.

Why am I receiving this notice?

On May 1, 2023, Suburban filed its Cost of Capital application (A.23-05-003) with the CPUC. The application requests a total of \$4,399,900.

If the CPUC approves this application, Suburban will recover forecasted costs in rates over a three-year period, beginning January 1, 2024. This will increase your bill.

Why is Suburban Water Systems requesting this rate increase?

- Every three years, Suburban is required to file a cost of capital application with the CPUC.
- The cost of capital application determines the cost of financing water infrastructure and determines the allowed return on equity and debt. This ensures funds are available to make critical investments in water mains, wells, pumps, reservoirs, and water treatment facilities.
- Suburban is requesting an increase in its cost of capital so it can attract equity capital and secure long-term debt (loans and financial obligations longer than one year) for the purpose of making infrastructure improvements necessary to provide safe and reliable water service.

How could this affect my water bill?

If Suburban’s rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential bill with a 3/4” meter using 14 Ccf (1 Ccf = 748 gallons) per month would increase by approximately \$3.50 or 4.4% per month in 2024.

Proposed Water Rate Increase		
Service Area	San Jose Hills Tariff Area 1	Whittier/La Mirada Tariff Area 2
Meter Size:	3/4"	3/4"
Average Monthly Usage (Ccf)	14	14
Present Monthly Bill	\$80.17	\$75.27
Proposed Increase in Monthly Bill	\$3.53	\$3.32
Proposed Monthly Bill	\$83.70	\$78.59
Proposed Percentage Increase	4.40%	4.41%

How does the rest of this process work?

This application has been assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt Suburban’s application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review Suburban's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact Suburban Water Systems

Phone: 1-626-543-2500

Email: San Jose Hills and Whittier/La Mirada Service Areas: SuburbanCustomerCare@swwc.com

A copy of the application and any related documents may also be reviewed at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305003

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305003 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on Suburban’s request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC’s Public Advisor’s Office at:

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free)

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor’s Office

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Please reference **Application 23-05-003** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.