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**Notice of Public Participation Hearings:
Suburban Water Systems' Request to Increase Water Rates in its
General Rate Case Application No. A.17-01-001**

Whittier/La Mirada Service Area		San Jose Hills Service Area	
Date & Time:	June 26, 2017 at 6 pm	Date & Time:	June 27, 2017 at 6 pm
Location:	La Mirada	Location:	West Covina
Address:	Residence Inn by Marriot 14419 Firestone Boulevard – Conference Center La Mirada, CA 90638	Address:	Shadow Oak Community Center- Main Hall 2121 E. Shadow Oak Drive West Covina, CA 91790

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) wants to hear from you. Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) have been scheduled to receive your comments about Suburban Water Systems' (Suburban) General Rate Case (GRC) Application (A.17-01-001) for the dates, times, and locations listed above. A CPUC Administrative Law Judge (Judge) will preside at the PPHs to listen to concerns, comments, and opinions on the proposed application. One or more Commissioners may attend, but no decisions will be reached at these hearings. All public comments from the PPHs will be included in the formal record of this proceeding and become public record.

The hearing locations are wheelchair accessible. **If you need a non-English language translator or special assistance, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) at the address listed at the bottom of this notice at least five days in advance of the hearing date.** If you cannot attend one of the listed PPHs, you may submit your comments via a letter or email to the PAO.

About the Application

On January 3, 2017, Suburban filed a GRC Application for 2018, 2019, and 2020. The CPUC requires Suburban to file a GRC every three years. This GRC requests to increase rates beginning January 1, 2018. Suburban is requesting an increase of \$11,020,932 (or 15.25%) in 2018, an additional \$6,148,017 (or 7.38%) in 2019, and an additional \$5,543,562 (or 6.20%) in 2020, for a total of \$22,712,511 (or 31.43%) for all three years combined.

Customer Impact

The tables below assume the CPUC approves the requested rate increases in their entirety. The proposed revenue increases are outlined in the chart below by customer class.

Customer Class	Proposed Increases (Dollars in Thousands)							
	Present Revenue		2018 Increase		2019 Increase		2020 Increase	
	\$	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	
Residential	51,164.2	7,406.1	14.48	4,321.2	7.38	3,902.2	6.20	
Business	12,599.4	2,088.3	16.57	1,091.5	7.41	980.4	6.20	
Industrial	1,436.4	281.7	19.61	131.3	7.64	114.6	6.20	
Public Authorities	3,170.2	550.9	17.38	267.0	7.39	240.5	6.20	
Other Water Utilities for Resale	41.3	5.6	13.49	3.3	7.05	3.1	6.20	
Construction Water Service	134.0	15.7	11.72	12.4	7.39	11.1	6.20	
Private Fire Protection Service	1,161.8	177.2	15.25	97.4	7.38	87.9	6.20	
Fire Hydrant Service on Private Property	169.4	25.8	15.25	14.9	7.38	13.4	6.20	
Recycled Water	2,392.9	473.2	19.78	209.2	7.30	190.6	6.20	
TOTAL	72,269.6	11,024.5	15.25	6,148.0	7.39	5,543.8	6.20	

Under the proposed rates, on January 1, 2018, the monthly charge for private fire service would increase from \$20.92 to \$24.11 per inch of diameter of service connection, to \$25.89 on January 1, 2019, and to \$27.49 on January 1, 2020. On January 1, 2018, the monthly charge for fire hydrant service would increase from \$27.68 to \$31.90 for each 6-inch standard fire hydrant, to \$34.25 on January 1, 2019, and to \$36.38 on January 1, 2020.

If the increases in rates are approved by the CPUC as proposed, the impacts on the average monthly residential customer's bill using 13 ccf (ccf = 100 cubic feet, 1 ccf = 780 gallons of water) per month for a ¾ inch meter, **excluding any applicable surcharges except CPUC reimbursement fee**, will be as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>San Jose Hills Tariff Area 1</u>			
Current Bill	\$56.48	\$64.68 ¹	\$69.62 ²
Amount Increase	\$8.20	\$4.94	\$4.32
New Bill	\$64.68	\$69.62	\$73.94
Percent Increase	14.5%	7.6%	6.2%
<u>Whittier/La Mirada Tariff Area 2</u>			
Current Bill	\$54.94	\$63.02 ¹	\$67.45 ²
Amount Increase	\$8.08	\$4.43	\$4.18
New Bill	\$63.02	\$67.45	\$71.63
Percent Increase	14.7%	7.0%	6.2%

1: Projected bill for 2019 after 2018 rate increase. 2: Projected bill for 2020 after 2019 rate increase.

Primary Drivers of Rate Increase

The proposed rate increases are to sustain and improve Suburban's water supply system and offset increases in operational and maintenance costs. These rates will help fund water treatment, storage, and distribution facilities to meet expected demands for service, and assure continued compliance with all applicable safe drinking water quality standards.

Obtaining a Copy of the Application

A copy of the GRC Application and related exhibits may be viewed at Suburban's offices:

San Jose Hills Service Area 2235 E. Garvey Ave. N. Ste. A West Covina, CA 91791 Phone (626) 543-2640	Whittier/La Mirada Service Area 15088 Rosecrans Avenue La Mirada, CA 90638 Phone (562) 944-8219	Main Office 1325 N. Grand Ave. Ste. 100 Covina, CA 91724-3603 Phone (626) 543-2500
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Copies of this notice are available on Suburban's website at www.swwc.com/suburban/announcements/. **If you have questions regarding this application, you may call Suburban's Communications Department at (626) 543-2531.**

Copies of the application are also available to review at the CPUC's Central Files Office in San Francisco by appointment. For more information, please contact them at aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 703-2045.

CPUC Process

This application has been assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary hearings may be held where utilities, consumer advocacy groups, and other entities which have been given official status as "parties" will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These evidentiary hearings are open to the public, but only those who are parties may participate.

After considering all proposals and all evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision determining whether to adopt all or part of Suburban's request, modify it, or deny it. Any of the five CPUC Commissioners may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision and any alternate decisions will be voted upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) has reviewed this application. ORA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. ORA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting, and engineering. For more information about ORA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail ora@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit ORA's website at www.ora.ca.gov.

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Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Write: CPUC Public Advisor's Office, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Call: Toll free 1-866-849-8390; TTY toll free 1-866-836-7825

Please reference **Suburban Water Systems' GRC Application No. 17-01-001** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review for the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.