

Notice of Public Forum

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUMS (Public Participation Hearing)
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY
REQUEST TO INCREASE WATER RATES
FONTANA WATER COMPANY DIVISION
APPLICATION 22-01-003**

How can I participate?

San Gabriel Valley Water Company (SGVWC) 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 SGVWC's Application 22-01-003.

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 SGVWC's 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/A2201003.

Where and when will these Public Forums be held?

The four remote PPHs for SGVWC's general rate case (GRC) application will be held as follows:

Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Monday, July 11, 2022, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

These remote PPHs can be accessed as follows:

To listen and/or comment publicly: 1-800-857-1917 Passcode for English: 1767567# Passcode for Spanish: 3799627# Press *1 to alert the operator you want to speak.	To view online: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/
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Updates and further information are available at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph.

To participate and provide public comment, dial the toll-free telephone number and passcode noted above. When it is time for public comment, the Administrative Law Judge will make an announcement through the telephone line for those who wish to speak. Participants who wish to speak must then press *1 (star one) to alert the operator, who will line up the speakers one-at-a-time and announce each speaker's name at the allotted time.

The CPUC's court reporters will transcribe/record the statements made during the hearings and post the transcripts on the CPUC's website in the Docket Card for this proceeding, which may be accessed at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2201003.

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.

Why am I receiving this notice?

On January 3, 2022, SGVWC filed its GRC application, A.22-01-003, with the CPUC. The application requests rate increases in SGVWC’s Los Angeles County and Fontana Water Company divisions covering the fiscal years (July – June) 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026. If the CPUC approves this application, SGVWC will recover forecasted costs in rates over a three-year period beginning July 1, 2023. This will impact your bill.

Why is SGVWC requesting this rate increase?

The CPUC requires SGVWC to file a GRC application every three years. The purpose of this GRC is for SGVWC to recover its anticipated costs from July 2023 through June 2026. SGVWC projects that it will need to increase rates during this period as a result of (1) declines in per-customer water sales as a result of continued conservation and ongoing severe drought conditions, (2) increases in employee labor and related expenses and benefits as a result of rising inflation, and (3) the replacement of aging water infrastructure to ensure continued compliance with applicable water quality standards.

How could this affect my water bill?

If SGVWC’s rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential customer in the Fontana Water Company division with a 5/8-inch meter using 14 hundred cubic feet (Ccf) per month would see an increase of \$4.64 or 5.9%, from \$78.57 to \$83.21 in July 2023. In July 2024, the average residential customer in the Fontana Water Company division would see a monthly bill increase of \$9.30 or 11.2%, from \$83.21 to \$92.51. In July 2025, the average residential customer in the Fontana Water Company division would see a monthly bill increase of \$4.84 or 5.2%, from \$92.51 to \$97.35.

For qualifying residential customers enrolled in SGVWC’s low-income rate assistance program, California Alternative Rates for Water, the average customer with a 5/8-inch meter using 14 Ccf per month would see an increase of \$2.63 or 4.0%, from \$65.41 to \$68.04 in July 2023. In July 2024, the average customer would see a monthly bill increase of \$9.29, or 13.7% from \$68.04 to \$77.33. In July 2025, the average customer would see a monthly bill increase of \$4.84, or 6.3% from \$77.33 to \$82.17.

California is currently in a Drought State of Emergency. Customers can reduce or even eliminate the impact of these increases by conserving water.

The proposed revenue increases for the Fontana Water Company division by customer class are shown below:

Customer Class	Proposed Water Rate Increases (Dollars in Thousands)					
	2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Residential	\$5,894	11.1%	\$3,406	5.7%	\$3,483	5.5%
Commercial	\$1,631	12.2%	\$872	5.7%	\$896	5.5%
Industrial	\$683	13.8%	\$322	5.8%	\$324	5.6%
Public Authority	\$809	12.7%	\$413	5.8%	\$419	5.5%
Construction	\$76	12.3%	\$40	5.8%	\$40	5.5%
Recycled Water	\$24	3.3%	\$20	2.4%	\$24	2.6%
Private Fire Service	\$86	5.6%	\$91	5.5%	\$95	5.3%
Total	\$9,202	11.3%	\$5,164	5.7%	\$5,281	5.4%

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 SGVWC'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 will review SGVWC'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, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact SGVWC

Phone: **1-800-583-1773** (toll-free) or **1-626-448-6183**

Email: waterrates@sgvwater.com

Mail: San Gabriel Valley Water Company
11142 Garvey Avenue
El Monte, CA 91733

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2201003 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.

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) or **1-415-703-2074**

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

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

Please reference **Application 22.01-003** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.