

Important Information About Public Participation Hearings

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUMS (Public Participation Hearings) California-American Water Company's Request to Change Water Rates APPLICATION 22-07-001

How can I participate?

California-American Water Company (California American Water) 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 California American Water's General Rate Case.

These Public Forums are part of a formal proceeding that will be documented and placed into the formal record so the CPUC can decide about California American Water'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/a2207001.

Where and when will these Public Forums be held?

Public Forums will be held in person and remotely. Information for the scheduled in-person and remote PPHs are below:

VIRTUAL/REMOTE: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Public Webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc
English Public Comment Line: 1-800-857-1917, Passcode: 1767567#
Spanish Public Comment Line: 1-800-857-1917, Passcode: 3799627#
***1 to make a public comment.**

The Public Forums can be viewed via internet, or listened to via phone, with the information above. If you wish to make a public comment, please participate by phone and press *1 after using the phone number and passcode listed above.

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.

IN-PERSON PPH: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Seaside City Hall - City Council Chamber
440 Harcourt Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955

Please note: The location is wheelchair accessible. If you wish to attend and need specialized accommodations or 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 you plan to attend.

Why am I receiving this notice?

The CPUC requires California American Water to file a General Rate Case (GRC) Application every 3 years. On July 1, 2022, California American Water filed a GRC Application (A.22-07-001) covering the period of 2024-2026.

On January 27, 2023, California American Water filed an Updated Application to propose a Water Resources Sustainability Plan ("WRSP") as an alternative to the Monterey-Style Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism ("M-WRAM") proposed in its July 1, 2022, Application. The WRSP consists of several components, including the decoupling Essential Service Balancing Account, a modified Annual Consumption Mechanism, an adjusted amortization schedule, and rate design modifications.

The WRSP and M-WRAM are two separate regulatory mechanisms designed to collect the required revenue to operate the water company and fund necessary infrastructure investments. Additionally, California American Water incorporated recent approved rate changes and revised demand forecasts into the Updated Application to better reflect recent information. California American Water is requesting a Central Division revenue increase of \$9,443,400 or 10.52% in 2024, \$2,464,000 or 2.48% in 2025, and \$3,418,400 or 3.36% in 2026 under both the WSRP and M-WRAM proposals.

If the CPUC approves this application, California American Water will recover forecasted costs in rates over a 3-year period beginning January 1, 2024, at the earliest. This will increase your bill, and bill impacts are the same under the WRSP and M-WRAM proposals.

Why is California American Water requesting this rate increase?

There is an ongoing need to invest in the infrastructure that provides safe, reliable water for Central Satellite and Chualar customers.

This multi-year plan enables the utility to make infrastructure improvements to keep the water system reliable for customers, protect from known and emerging contaminants, and expand water supplies to ensure they are sustainable.

In addition, the proposed rate increases will help support increased labor costs, and balance changing demand and inflation.

How could this affect my water bill?

With WRSP or M-WRAM

If California American Water’s GRC is approved with a WRSP or M-WRAM, a typical Central Satellite and Chualar residential customer’s monthly water bill would resemble those listed below. Rate impacts may vary due to pending proposed changes in rate design. Amounts shown include fees, taxes, and surcharges.

CENTRAL SATELLITES AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL BILL						
YEAR	METER SIZE	AVERAGE USE (CGL) ¹	CURRENT BILL	\$ INCREASE	PROPOSED BILL	% INCREASE
2024	5/8-inch	82.91	\$120.94	\$9.03	\$129.97	7.46%
2025	5/8-inch	82.91	\$129.97	\$10.79	\$140.76	8.30%
2026	5/8-inch	82.91	\$140.76	\$11.68	\$152.44	8.30%

CHUALAR AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL BILL						
YEAR	METER SIZE	AVERAGE USE (CGL) ¹	CURRENT BILL	\$ INCREASE	PROPOSED BILL	% INCREASE
2024	5/8-inch	117.19	\$45.16	\$0.51	\$45.67	1.12%
2025	5/8-inch	117.19	\$45.67	\$1.42	\$47.09	3.11%
2026	5/8-inch	117.19	\$47.09	\$1.46	\$48.55	3.11%

¹ CGL = 100 gallons of water

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 California American Water’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 California American Water’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.

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

Where can I get more information?

California American Water

Phone: 1-619-446-5520
Email: cawc.customeradvocacy@amwater.com
Mail: 655 W. Broadway, Suite 1410, Attn: Customer Advocacy, San Diego, CA 92101

A copy of the application and any related documents may also be reviewed at amwater.com/rate_app.

CPUC Information

Please visit **apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/a2207001** 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 22-07-001** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.