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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT
A PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS FOR THE CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN
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FOR LOS ANGELES, SACRAMENTO AND LARKFIELD DISTRICTS

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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold Public Participation Hearings (PPH's) covering California American Water's general rate case (GRC) increase request in Application 09-01-013 (A.09-01-013) and will cover the proposed revenue requirement increases for its Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Larkfield Districts. The dates, times and locations of the PPH's are noted below:

LARKFIELD DISTRICT

Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Hampton Inn and Suites Windsor
8937 Brooks Road South,
Windsor, CA 95492

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

Monday, June 8, 2009: 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Courtyard Marriott Hotel
700 W. Huntington Drive, Monterey Room
Monrovia, CA 91016

Tuesday, June 9, 2009: 2:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Glady's Waddingham Library Lecture Hall
101 West Manchester Blvd.
Inglewood, CA 90301

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

The Ryde Hotel
14340 Hwy 160, Cabaret Room
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Thursday, June 11, 2009: 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova
11211 Point East Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

The application proposes to increase rates for its Los Angeles customers by \$7,886,200 or 41.29% from those rates effective December 2008 through 2010 and \$1,100,000 or 4.09% in the year 2011; and to increase rates for its Sacramento customers by \$17,537,800 or 51.29% from those rates effective December 2008 through 2010 and \$5,339,800 or 10.25% in the year 2011; and to increase rates for its Larkfield customers by \$648,100 or 23.38% from those rates effective December 2008 through 2010 and \$140,200 or 4.07% in the year 2011.

The primary reasons for the proposed rate increases are plant and plant-related items. Plant investment is increasing significantly. In addition to the revenues necessary to support the capital investment, it also requires additional depreciation, property taxes and income taxes. Plant investment includes new water treatment equipment and replacement wells, pumps, motors, mains, services, and fire hydrants. The additional main cost drivers are purchased

water expenses, chemical costs, customer service costs, regulatory expense, transportation cost and increased conservation costs.

CPUC PROCESS

The PPH provides the public an opportunity to comment on California American Water's Application. A CPUC Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will preside over the PPH, and a CPUC Commissioner may also be present. A court reporter will transcribe the comments made during the PPH. Representatives from California American Water will be available to present and explain their proposed request in the GRC application. The CPUC's Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) will also be available to listen to your comments. DRA is an independent division of the Commission whose role is to represent and advocate on behalf of public utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rates consistent with reliable and safe service levels as it relates to California American Water's proposal. Your comments can help the CPUC reach an informed decision, and you are encouraged to attend this hearing. **If specialized accommodations are needed, such as sign language or other interpreters, please contact the Commission's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) at least 3-5 working days in advance of the PPH at the contact information listed under Public Advisor's Office below.**

PUBLIC ADVISOR'S OFFICE

The PAO was established to help consumers and groups who wish to participate in proceedings before the CPUC. The CPUC welcomes your participation and comments. If you cannot attend the PPH you may submit written comments to:

CPUC, Public Advisor's Office

505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
415.703.2074 or Toll Free at 866.849.8390
TTY at 415.703.5282 or
TTY Toll Free at 866.836.7825
E-mail to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

Please refer to Application 09-01-013 in your correspondence. Your comments will be circulated to the Commissioners and the ALJ. All e-mails and written correspondence become part of the formal correspondence file for these proceedings and is part of the public comment record.

A copy of the applications may be inspected at the business offices of California American Water for the Los Angeles District at 2439 W. Hillcrest Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320 and 8657 Grand Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770, or for the Sacramento District at 4701 Beloit Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838, or for the Larkfield District at 640 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, or at the CPUC's San Francisco office at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102.