

**NOTIFICATION OF JOINT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS SPONSORED BY THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
FOR FOUR APPLICATION PROCEEDING FILINGS BY CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY**

**APPLICATION 07-12-010, MODIFICATIONS TO WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND RATE DESIGN, AND AUTHORITY TO
INCREASE RATES FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE MONTEREY DISTRICT**

AND

**APPLICATION 08-01-027, PROPOSED GENERAL RATE INCREASE FOR MONTEREY AND TORO WATER DISTRICTS
AND**

**APPLICATION 08-01-023, PROPOSED GENERAL RATE INCREASE FOR THE MONTEREY WASTEWATER DISTRICT
AND**

APPLICATION 08-01-024, PROPOSED GENERAL RATE INCREASE FOR GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold Joint Public Participation Hearings (PPH) covering four separate application filings made by California American Water. The PPH will cover California American Water's General Rate Case (GRC) Application 08-01-027 requesting revenue increases for its Monterey and Toro Districts and its General Office expenses, and Application 07-12-010 requesting modifications to its conservation program and rate design, and authorization to increase its rates for water service in its Monterey District.

These applications propose to increase rates for its Monterey Water customers by 119.05% over three years: \$25,400,000 or 76.82% in 2009, \$6,300,000 or 19.13% in 2010, and \$7,600,000 or 20.10% in 2011. California American Water is requesting authorization to change the rates and rate design for water customers in Bishop, Hidden Hills, and Ryan Ranch to be consistent with those of the majority of Monterey water customers. If authorized, this change could result in significant rate increases for these customers.

An information packet containing the details of these two applications is available at the California American Water business address, community based organizations, and local libraries listed at the bottom of this notification. The information packet also may be obtained at the PPH or you can download a copy at California American Water's website at: www.amwater.com/caaw.

Additionally, the PPH will address California American Water's request for authorization to increase its revenues for service in its Monterey Wastewater District (including General Office expenses) by \$1,387,600 or 83.47% in the year 2009; \$195,400 or 6.32% in the year 2010; and \$212,800 or 6.40% in the year 2011.

The Joint PPH has been scheduled on the dates, times and locations set forth below.

CPUC Joint Public Participation Hearing

May 28, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

Chualar Union Elementary School
24285 Lincoln Street - Board Room
Chualar, CA

May 29, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Monterey City Hall Council Chamber
580 Pacific Street
Monterey, CA

CPUC PROCESS

The PPH provides the public an opportunity to comment on California American Water's Applications. 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 for the GRCs and modifications to its conservation program and rate design, and request to increase rates for water service in its Monterey District. The CPUC's Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) will also be available to listen to your comments. DRA is an independent division of the CPUC 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 proposals. 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 interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) at least 3 - 5 business 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 1.866.849.8390
TTY 415.703.5282 or Toll Free 1.866.836.7825
E-mail: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

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Please refer to the application that you are writing about, either, Application 07-12-010, Application 08-01-027, Application 08-01-023 or Application 08-01-024. 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 each application (including the March 14 Supplement to A. 08-01-027, A. 08-01-024, and A. 08-01-023) may be inspected at the business offices of California American Water at 511 Forest Lodge Road, Suite 100, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, or at the CPUC's San Francisco office at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102.

The information packet is available at the following locations:

Libraries:

1. City of Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 93940, 831.646.3933
2. California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Library, 100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA 93955, 831.582.3638
3. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Public Library, Harrison Memorial Branch, Ocean and Lincoln, Carmel 93921, 831.624.1615
4. Carmel Valley Library, 65 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924, 831.659.2377
5. City of Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, 831.648.5760
6. City of Seaside Public Library, 550 Harcourt Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955, 831.899.6207
7. Monterey Peninsula College Library, 980 Fremont Street, Monterey, CA 93940 831.646.4095

Business Offices:

1. California American Water, 511 Forest Lodge Road, Suite 100, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
2. Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, 5 Harris Court, Bldg. G, Monterey, CA 93940

Community-Based Organizations:

1. Watsonville Law Center, 521 Main Street, Ste. H, Watsonville, CA 95076
2. LUPE, 1330 E. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93904

NOTIFICACIÓN DE AUDIENCIAS DE PARTICIPACIÓN PÚBLICA CONJUNTA PATROCINADAS POR LA COMISIÓN DE COMPAÑÍAS DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS DE CALIFORNIA PARA CUATRO PRESENTACIONES DE PROCESO DE SOLICITUD POR PARTE DE LA EMPRESA CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

SOLICITUD 07-12-010, MODIFICACIONES AL PROGRAMA DE CONSERVACIÓN DEL AGUA Y ESTRUCTURA DE TARIFAS, Y AUTORIDAD PARA AUMENTAR LAS TARIFAS DEL SERVICIO DE AGUA EN EL DISTRITO DE MONTEREY

Y

SOLICITUD 08-01-027, PROPUESTA DE AUMENTO GENERAL DE TARIFAS PARA MONTEREY Y TORO WATER DISTRICTS

Y

SOLICITUD 08-01-023, PROPUESTA DE AUMENTO GENERAL DE TARIFAS PARA EL DISTRITO DE AGUAS RESIDUALES DE MONTEREY

Y

SOLICITUD 08-01-024, PROPUESTA DE AUMENTO GENERAL DE TARIFAS PARA LOS GASTOS DE LA OFICINA GENERAL

La Comisión de compañías de servicios públicos de California (CPUC) celebrará Audiencias de participación pública conjunta (PPH, por sus siglas en inglés), que cubren cuatro presentaciones de solicitudes distintas realizadas por la empresa California American Water. La audiencia cubrirá la Solicitud 08-01-027 referente a la revisión de tarifas generales (GRC, por sus siglas en inglés) de la empresa California American Water, por la cual se solicitan aumentos de ingresos para los distritos de Monterey y Toro, y para sus gastos de la Oficina General, y la Solicitud 07-12-010, por la cual se solicitan modificaciones a su programa de conservación y estructura de tarifas, y la autorización para aumentar sus tarifas del servicio de agua en el distrito de Monterey.

Estas solicitudes proponen aumentar las tarifas para los clientes del servicio de agua de Monterey un 119.05% a lo largo de tres años: \$25,400,000 ó 76.82% en 2009, \$6,300,000 ó 19.13% en 2010, y \$7,600,000 ó 20.10% en 2011. California American Water solicita la autorización para cambiar las tarifas y la estructura de tarifas para los clientes de Bishop, Hidden Hills, y Ryan Ranch con el fin de equipararlas con las tarifas de la mayoría de los clientes del servicio de agua de Monterey. De ser autorizado, este cambio podría dar lugar a importantes aumentos de tarifas para estos clientes.

Puede encontrarse un paquete de información con detalles de las dos solicitudes mencionadas en el domicilio comercial de California American Water, organizaciones de la comunidad y bibliotecas locales enumeradas al final de la presente notificación. El paquete de información también puede solicitarse en la audiencia o puede descargarse una copia del sitio de Internet de California American Water en: www.amwater.com/caaw.

Asimismo, la PPH tratará la solicitud de autorización presentada por California American Water para aumentar sus utilidades derivadas del servicio de su Distrito de aguas residuales de Monterey (incluidos los gastos de la Oficina General) en \$1,387,600 ó 83.47% en el año 2009, \$195,400 ó 6.32% en el año 2010, y \$212,800 ó 6.40% en el año 2011.