# NOTICE OF APPLICATION California-American Water Company's Request to Increase Water and/or Wastewater Rates in its Southern Division APPLICATION A.22-07-001

## Why am I receiving this notice?

On July 1, 2022, California-American Water Company (California American Water) filed its General Rate Case A.22-07-001 with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application is requesting an increase of revenues for water service in its Southern Division by \$22,215,600 or 17.61% in the year 2024, by \$8,540,700 or 5.75% in the year 2025, and by \$7,523,900 or 4.79% in the year 2026.

If the CPUC approves this application, California American Water will recover forecasted costs in rates over a 3-year period beginning January 1, 2024. This will impact your bill.

## Why is California American Water requesting this rate increase?

Every three years California American Water is required to file an application with the CPUC detailing its infrastructure improvement plans and operations and maintenance needs. In this rate case we are requesting the following increases for 2024:

- \$13.5 million in funding for infrastructure improvements
- \$3.6 million related to reduced water demand
- \$1.2 million to consolidate small water systems with California American Water
- \$3.1 million for staffing, wages, and benefits
- \$1.8 million in inflationary increases

### **Customer Impact**

California American Water's revenue proposals for the Southern Division are shown by customer class in the chart below.

SOUTHERN DIVISION-PROPOSED REVENUE INCREASE (INCLUDES SERVICE AREAS IN DUARTE, SAN MARINO, RIO PLAZA, THOUSAND OAKS, NEWBURY PARK, CAMARILLO, AND SAN DIEGO)							
	2024		2025		2026		
CUSTOMER CLASS	\$ Increase	% Increase	\$ Increase	% Increase	\$ Increase	% Increase	Total \$ Increase
Residential	\$11,991,994	15.26%	\$5,304,099	5.85%	\$4,597,516	4.79%	\$21,893,609
Commercial	\$7,193,298	22.82%	\$2,162,205	5.57%	\$1,960,233	4.79%	\$11,315,736
Industrial	\$863,627	22.22%	\$331,117	6.92%	\$245,067	4.79%	\$1,439,811
Public Authority	\$1,753,189	17.30%	\$620,800	5.25%	\$596,221	4.79%	\$2,970,210
Other	\$114,267	61.66%	\$23,792	7.70%	\$15,934	4.79%	\$153,993
Construction	\$867	16.26%	(\$1,647)	-26.57%	\$218	4.79%	(\$562)
Residential Fire Protection Service	\$143,529	38.92%	\$59,631	10.15%	\$30,979	4.79%	\$234,139
Private Fire Protection Service	\$108,852	11.58%	\$0	0.00%	\$50,432	4.79%	\$159,284
Total	\$22,202,683		\$8,508,213		\$7,504,273		\$38,215,169

If California American Water's General Rate Case is approved, a typical residential customer's monthly water bills (with a 5/8inch meter size) would resemble those below and on the reverse. **Rate impacts may vary due to pending proposed changes in rate design. Amounts shown include fees, taxes, and surcharges.** 

VENTURA DISTRICT AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL BILL								
Year	Meter Size	Average Use (CGL) <sup>1</sup>	Current Bill <sup>2</sup>	\$ Increase	Proposed Bill	% Increase		
2024	5/8-inch	113.9	\$120.66	\$7.31	\$127.97	6.06%		
2025	5/8-inch	113.9	\$127.97	\$7.35	\$135.33	5.75%		
2026	5/8-inch	113.9	\$135.33	\$6.48	\$141.81	4.79%		
SAN DIEGO DISTRICT AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL BILL								
Year	Meter Size	Average Use (CGL) <sup>1</sup>	Current Bill <sup>2</sup>	\$ Increase	Proposed Bill	% Increase		
2024	5/8-inch	61.0	\$80.44	\$4.51	\$84.95	5.61%		
2025	5/8-inch	61.0	\$84.95	\$4.88	\$89.83	5.75%		
2026	5/8-inch	61.0	\$89.83	\$4.30	\$94.13	4.79%		

LOS ANGELES - BALDWIN HILLS DISTRICT AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL BILL								
Year	Meter Size	Average Use (CGL) <sup>1</sup>	Current Bill <sup>2</sup>	\$ Increase	Proposed Bill	% Increase		
2024	5/8-inch	100.3	\$102.78	\$6.16	\$108.94	6.00%		
2025	5/8-inch	100.3	\$108.94	\$6.26	\$115.20	5.75%		
2026	5/8-inch	100.3	\$115.20	\$5.51	\$120.72	4.79%		
LOS ANGELES - DUARTE DISTRICT AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL BILL								
Year	Meter Size	Average Use (CGL) <sup>1</sup>	Current Bill <sup>2</sup>	\$ Increase	Proposed Bill	% Increase		
2024	5/8-inch	124.5	\$103.91	\$7.73	\$111.64	7.44%		
2025	5/8-inch	124.5	\$111.64	\$6.42	\$118.06	5.75%		
2026	5/8-inch	124.5	\$118.06	\$5.65	\$123.71	4.79%		
LOS ANGELES - SAN MARINO DISTRICT AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL BILL								
Year	Meter Size	Average Use (CGL) <sup>1</sup>	Current Bill <sup>2</sup>	\$ Increase	Proposed Bill	% Increase		
2024	5/8-inch	143.0	\$115.75	\$6.44	\$122.19	5.56%		
2025	5/8-inch	143.0	\$122.19	\$7.02	\$129.21	5.75%		
2026	5/8-inch	143.0	\$129.21	\$6.19	\$135.39	4.79%		

 $^{1}$  1 CGL = 100 Gallons

<sup>2</sup> Present rates reflect the 2019 GRC Interim Rate True-up which is pending CPUC approval.

### How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be 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?

## **Contact 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

#### **Obtaining a Copy of the Application**

A copy of California American Water's proposed GRC application and related exhibits may be reviewed online at amwater.com/rate\_app, or can be viewed in-person at California American Water's offices at the locations below:

Los Angeles County - 8657 Grand Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770 Madera County - 40312 Greenwood Way, Oakhurst, CA 93644 Monterey County - 511 Forest Lodge Road, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 Ventura County - 2439 W. Hillcrest Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320 Sacramento Area - 4701 Beloit Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838

San Diego County - 1025 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, CA 91932 Sonoma County - 4787 Old Redwood Highway, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Copies of the proposed application and related exhibits are also available to review at the CPUC's Central Files Office in San Francisco by appointment.

## **Contact CPUC**

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

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

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Please reference Application 22-07-001 in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

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