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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS REQUEST TO INCREASE WATER RATES APPLICATION A.23-01-001

Why am I receiving this notice?

On January 3, 2023, Suburban Water Systems (Suburban) filed a General Rate Case (GRC) application (A.23-01-001), with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting to increase rates for 2024, 2025, and 2026. If the CPUC approves this application, Suburban will recover forecasted costs in rates over a three-year period beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2026. This will impact your bill.

Why is Suburban requesting this rate increase?

The CPUC requires Suburban to file a GRC application every three years. The purpose of this GRC is for Suburban to recover its anticipated costs from January 2024 through December 2026. Suburban projects that it will need to increase rates during this period as a result of (1) declining in per-customer water sales from continued conservation, and (2) increases in production cost, including the purchase of water and energy.

How could this affect my water bill?

If Suburban's rate increase request is approved by the CPUC as proposed, the impacts on the average monthly residential customer's bill using 14 ccf (1 ccf = 100 cubic feet or 780 gallons of water) per month for a ¾ inch meter, **excluding any applicable surcharges except the CPUC reimbursement fee**, will be as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
<u>San Jose Hills Service Area 1</u>			
Current Amount	\$80.17	\$94.99	\$101.21
Amount of Increase	\$14.82	\$6.22	\$5.25
New Bill	\$94.99	\$101.21	\$106.46
Percent of Increase	18.5%	6.5%	5.2%
<u>Whittier/La Mirada Service Area 2</u>			
Current Amount	\$75.27	\$91.30	\$94.93
Amount of Increase	\$16.03	\$3.63	\$4.93
New Bill	\$91.30	\$94.93	\$99.86
Percent of Increase	21.3%	4.0%	5.2%

Under the proposed rates, on January 1, 2024, the monthly charge for private fire service would increase from \$28.16 to \$33.73 per inch of diameter of service connection. It would then increase to \$35.57 on January 1, 2025, and to \$37.42 on January 1, 2026. On January 1, 2024, the monthly charge for fire hydrant service would increase from \$37.25 to \$44.62 for each 6-inch standard fire hydrant. It would then increase to \$47.05 on January 1, 2025, and to \$49.50 on January 1, 2026.

For qualifying residential customers enrolled in Suburban’s low-income rate assistance program, the average customer with a 3/4-inch meter using 14 Ccf per month would be as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
<u>San Jose Hills Service Area 1</u>			
Current Amount	\$71.34	\$84.42	\$90.05
Amount of Increase	\$13.08	\$5.63	\$4.67
New Bill	\$84.42	\$90.05	\$94.72
Percent of Increase	18.3%	6.7%	5.2%
<u>Whittier/La Mirada Service Area 2</u>			
Current Amount	\$66.44	\$80.72	\$83.77
Amount of Increase	\$14.28	\$3.05	\$4.34
New Bill	\$80.72	\$83.77	\$88.11
Percent of Increase	21.5%	3.8%	5.2%

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 are outlined in the chart below by customer class and assume the CPUC approves the requested rate increases in their entirety.

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Proposed Increases (Dollars in Thousands)</u>							
	<u>Present Revenue</u>		<u>2024 Increase</u>		<u>2025 Increase</u>		<u>2026 Increase</u>	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	
Residential	70,493.6	13,781.1	19.55	4,283.2	5.28	4,442.4	5.20	
Business	20,283.1	4,124.2	20.33	1,425.7	5.87	1,338.2	5.20	
Industrial	1,867.3	386.4	20.69	164.3	7.29	125.7	5.20	
Public Authorities	3,723.9	782.7	21.02	257.6	5.72	247.7	5.20	
Other Water Utilities for Resale	49.1	10.0	20.27	2.2	3.68	3.2	5.20	
Construction Water Service	186.6	34.5	18.50	9.7	4.16	12.7	5.20	
Private Fire Protection Service	1,822.7	360.7	19.79	120.4	5.45	121.2	5.20	
Fire Hydrant Service on Private Property	223.1	44.1	19.79	14.7	5.45	14.8	5.20	
Recycled Water	1,223.7	240.1	19.62	115.1	7.86	82.1	5.20	
TOTAL	99,873.2	19,764.0	19.79	6,392.9	5.49	6,388.0	5.20	

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 Suburban’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 Suburban’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 Suburban’s request can help the CPUC make an informed decision. Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2301001 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.

Where can I get more information?

Contact Suburban

Website: www.swwc.com/suburban

Phone: **1-626-543-2531**

Email: San Jose Hills Service Area: sanjosehills@swwc.com

Whittier/La Mirada Service Area: whittierlamirada@swwc.com

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at
www.swwc.com/suburban/general-rate-case/

Contact CPUC

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

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Please reference **Application 23-01-001** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.