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**Notification of Application Filed by California Water Service to Increase Rates in 2027
for the North Valley Region – Chico Area (Application 25-06-001)**

Why am I receiving this notice?

On June 2, 2025, California Water Service (Cal Water) filed an Application (A.25-06-001) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) related to compliance with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) drinking water regulations. As part of the application, Cal Water is requesting to increase rates to remove these PFAS to meet water quality requirements and maintain high-quality, reliable service to customers. If the CPUC approves the application, forecasted costs for projects completed in 2026 will begin affecting your water bill no sooner than January 2027.

Why is Cal Water requesting this?

In April 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for certain PFAS (PFAS Final Rule). The PFAS Final Rule sets limits for these PFAS in drinking water, monitoring and related public notification requirements, and compliance deadlines for public water systems. Cal Water is taking action to address these PFAS, including removing impacted wells from service, installing treatment systems, and replacing or establishing new supply sources. For the North Valley Region's Chico area, Cal Water is proposing to construct 14 new treatment facilities and two new wells to continue delivering high-quality drinking water to customers. Cal Water is also participating in multiple class-action lawsuits to hold PFAS manufacturers accountable and use settlement funds received to reduce the financial impact to customers.

How could this affect my water bill?

If Cal Water's proposal is approved by the CPUC as filed, the average monthly residential bill in the North Valley Region's Chico area for a typical customer (with a 5/8"x3/4" meter and using 5,984 gallons, or 8 Ccf*, of water per month) would increase by approximately \$4.23, or 12.7%, which includes a temporary surcharge to recover additional PFAS-related monitoring costs. These adjustments to rates would allow for a district revenue increase of \$4,415,235 in 2027, which will offset the additional cost of the treatment facilities, and one-time recovery of \$356,018 of additional PFAS-related monitoring costs. Over the course of the review process, which could take 18 months or more, the timing of some projects or costs may be adjusted.

**1 Ccf = 748 gallons*

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 Cal 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 may review Cal 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 regarding the Public Advocates Office, call (415) 703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2506001 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. Your participation by providing your thoughts on Cal Water's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision. If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Phone: (866) 849-8390
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Please reference **Cal Water's Application 25-06-001** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

Where can I get more information?

Contact Cal Water:

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A copy of the application and any related documents may also be reviewed at **calwater.com/PFASapplication**.