

P U B L I C N O T I C E

NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUMS (PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS) SAN JOSE WATER COMPANY'S GENERAL RATE CASE APPLICATION NO. 21-01-003

How can I participate?

San Jose Water Company and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear from you. You are invited to participate in a Public Forum, also called a Public Participation Hearing (PPH), about SJWC's General Rate Case (GRC).

These Public Forums will be documented and placed into the formal record so the CPUC can make a decision about SJWC's request. You can make comments and raise concerns to the CPUC Administrative Law Judge overseeing this application.

Where and when will these Public Forums be held?

DATE	TIME	VIRTUAL/REMOTE DETAILS
Thursday, May 13, 2021	1:30 p.m.	Phone Number: 800-857-1917 Passcode: 7218384
Thursday, May 13, 2021	6:00 p.m.	To make public comment: Press *1 Webcast: http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/

The public forums can be viewed via internet, or listened to via phone, with the information above. If you wish to make a public comment, please participate by phone using the phone number above and pressing *1. Your participation by providing your thoughts on SJWC's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

Please note: A Spanish language interpreter will be available for those who wish to listen to the hearing or provide comment in Spanish. Please see separate notice for more details. If you need an interpreter in a language besides Spanish, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office using the contact information at the end of this notice at least five business days before the Public Forum.

Why am I receiving this notice?

On January 4, 2021, SJWC filed its GRC Application A.21-01-003 with the CPUC.

If the CPUC approves this application, SJWC will recover forecasted costs in rates over a three-year period beginning 2022. This will impact your bill.

Why is SJWC requesting this rate increase?

SJWC is proposing this rate increase due to escalating operating expenses related to:

- Increasingly stringent water quality requirements;
- Cybersecurity and data privacy requirements; and,
- Significant system infrastructure replacement requirements.

How could this affect my water bill?

SJWC’s proposed rate increases shift more of the cost of service into the monthly service charge, while reducing the quantity charges.¹ This will help stabilize collection of fixed costs when usage changes. If SJWC’s rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential bill with a 3/4-inch meter using 11 Ccfs per month would increase by approximately \$17.33 (or 18.73 %) from \$92.54 at present rates, to \$109.87 in 2022, by \$3.55 (or 3.23 %) to \$113.42 in 2023, and by \$3.84 (or 3.38 %) to \$117.25 in 2024. These rates include current and requested surcharges and fees. **The amounts shown on your water bill may vary from the dollar amounts shown above due to temporary credits or surcharges in effect.**

Schedule 1 and Schedule 1C– General Metered Service Charge Rate Impact (\$)

Meter Size	2020 (current)	2022 (proposed)	Increase	2023 (proposed)	Increase	2024 (proposed)	Increase
5/8	40.47	56.37	39%	57.95	2.8%	59.89	3.3%
3/4	40.47	56.37	39%	57.95	2.8%	59.89	3.3%
1	67.44	93.94	39%	96.58	2.8%	99.81	3.3%
1 1/2	134.90	187.92	39%	193.16	2.8%	199.62	3.3%
2	215.84	300.67	39%	309.05	2.8%	319.39	3.3%
3	404.69	563.73	39%	579.48	2.8%	598.85	3.3%
4	674.48	939.55	39%	965.80	2.8%	998.09	3.3%
6	1,348.97	1,879.12	39%	1,931.59	2.8%	1,996.18	3.3%
8	2,158.36	3,006.60	39%	3,090.55	2.8%	3,193.88	3.3%
10	3,102.62	4,321.95	39%	4,442.66	2.8%	4,591.20	3.3%

Schedule 1 and 1C - Per Ccf Rate Impact (\$)

Residential Customers		Rates Proposed in SJWC's Application					
Usage	Present Rates	2022 Rates	Change	2023 Rates	Change	2024 Rates	Change
0 to 3 Ccf	3.28	3.76	14.66%	3.90	3.9%	4.05	3.6%
3 to 6 Ccf	4.92	3.76	-23.58%	3.90	3.9%	4.05	3.6%
7 to 18 Ccf	4.92	4.70	-4.46%	4.88	3.9%	5.06	3.6%
Over 18 Ccf	6.55	7.88	20.27%	8.19	3.9%	8.49	3.6%
All Other Customers: (Business, Industrial, Public Authority, Resale)							
All Usage	4.92	4.70	-4.46%	4.88	3.9%	5.06	3.6%

How does the rest of this process work?

This application has been 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 SJWC’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 are currently reviewing SJWC's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents

¹ In accordance with the CPUC’s Balanced Rates Decision 16-12-026,

customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information regarding the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpub.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact SJWC

Phone: 408-279-7900

Email: customer.service@sjwater.com

Mail: 110 W. Taylor Street, San Jose, CA 95110

A copy of SJWC's application and further information may be viewed at <https://www.sjwater.com/GRC2022>.

Contact CPUC

Please visit cpuc.ca.gov/A2101003comments 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.

For additional information and a fact sheet about this proceeding, please visit cpuc.ca.gov/pph.

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**

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **Application A.21-01-003** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.