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有關中文的更多詳情，請致電 (626) 543-2640到San Jose Hills服務區，或致電 (562) 944-8291到Whittier / La Mirada服務區。有關本通知的中文版，請訪問我們的網站：[www.swwc.com/suburban/announcements/](http://www.swwc.com/suburban/announcements/)

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Để biết thêm thông tin bằng tiếng Việt, hãy gọi khu vực dịch vụ San Jose Hills theo số (626) 543-2640 hoặc khu vực dịch vụ Whittier / La Mirada theo số (562) 944-8219. Để có một bản sao của thông báo này bằng tiếng Việt, vui lòng truy cập [www.swwc.com/suburban/announcements/](http://www.swwc.com/suburban/announcements/)

Para sa karagdagang impormasyon sa Tagalog, tawagan ang lugar ng serbisyo ng San Jose Hills sa (626) 543-2640 o lugar ng serbisyo ng Whittier / La Mirada sa (562) 944-8219. Para sa isang kopya ng tagalog na ito ng paunawa, mangyaring bisitahin ang [www.swwc.com/suburban/announcements/](http://www.swwc.com/suburban/announcements/)

**NOTICE OF REQUESTED RATE INCREASE FOR COST OF CAPITAL FOR  
SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS' APPLICATION 23-05-003**

**Why am I receiving this notice?**

On May 1, 2023, Suburban Water Systems (Suburban) filed its cost of capital application 23-05-003, with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). In the application, Suburban is requesting to increase its cost of capital which is the rate of return the company is authorized to recover on its investments in critical infrastructure required to deliver safe and reliable water service. If approved by the CPUC, Suburban's rate of return will increase by 0.87% for 2024, 2025, and 2026.

If the CPUC approves this application, Suburban will recover its cost of capital 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 increase to its cost of capital?**

The CPUC requires Suburban to file a cost of capital application every three years. The cost of capital determines the amount of money Suburban is allowed to recover in rates as a return on the money it has invested in critical infrastructure. This ensures funds are available to make critical infrastructure improvements, so water mains, wells, pumps, tanks, treatment systems, and other parts of the water system continue to provide safe, reliable water service.

**How could this affect my water bill?**

If approved by the CPUC, the proposed changes to the cost of capital will increase Suburban's currently authorized revenue requirement by \$4.4 million (4.41%). 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 3/4 inch meter, **excluding any applicable surcharges except the CPUC reimbursement fee**, will be as follows:

	Current Authorized Rates	2024 Proposed Rates	Bill Increase	
			\$	%
San Jose Hills - Service Area 1	\$80.17	\$83.70	\$3.53	4.40%
Whittier/La Mirada - Service Area 2	\$75.27	\$78.59	\$3.32	4.41%

Under the proposed rates, on January 1, 2024, the monthly charge for private fire service would increase from \$28.16 to \$29.340 per inch of diameter of service connection, and the monthly charge for fire hydrant service would increase from \$37.25 to \$38.89 for each 6-inch standard fire hydrant.

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:

	Current Authorized Rates	2024 Proposed Rates	Bill Increase	
			\$	%
San Jose Hills - Service Area 1	\$71.34	\$74.48	\$3.14	4.40%
Whittier/La Mirada - Service Area 2	\$66.44	\$69.37	\$2.93	4.41%

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 cost of capital rate increases in their entirety.

2024 Proposed Increase (Dollars in Thousands)

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Present Revenue</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	
		<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
Residential	70,493.6	3,105.6	4.41%
Business	20,283.1	893.6	4.41%
Industrial	1,867.3	82.3	4.41%
Public Authorities	3,723.9	164.1	4.41%
Other Water Utilities for Resale	49.1	2.2	4.41%
Construction Water Service	186.6	8.2	4.40%
Private Fire Protection Service	1,822.7	80.3	4.41%
Fire Hydrant Service on Private Property	223.1	9.8	4.41%
Recycled Water	1,223.7	53.9	4.41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,873.2</b>	<b>4,399.9</b>	<b>4.41%</b>

**How does the rest of the 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](mailto:PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov), or visit [PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov](http://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/A2305003](http://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305003) 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](http://www.swwc.com/suburban)

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

Email: San Jose Hills and Whittier/La Mirada Service Areas: [suburbancustomer@swwc.com](mailto:suburbancustomer@swwc.com)

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at [www.swwc.com/suburban/announcements/](http://www.swwc.com/suburban/announcements/)

**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](mailto:Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov)

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Please reference **Application 23-05-003** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

