Joint Workshop of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

Strategic Responses to COVID Impacts in the Water Sector
CPUC Rulemaking 17-06-024, Phase II
October 30, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Preliminary* Agenda

Guiding Questions for the Day

- Is the status quo effectively protecting water customers? What is working? What isn't?
- What techniques have been effective for water systems in helping customers manage arrearages? What can we learn from these experiences?
- How else should water systems prepare to assist customers facing arrearages?
- What are some of the operational challenges for smaller water systems during COVID?

Moderators

Justin Fong, Advisor to CPUC Commissioner Guzman Aceves Stephen St. Marie, CPUC Water Division

10 am	Welcome – CPUC Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves, CPUC Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma, SWRCB Board Chair Joaquin Esquivel, SWRCB Board Member Laurel Firestone
10:15 am	Welcome – Assemblymember Robert Rivas
10:25 am	CPUC Review of Water Sector COVID-19 Impacts and Response to Date – Kevin Truong and Stephen St. Marie, CPUC Water Division
10:45 am	Welcome – Senator Bill Dodd
10:55 am	SWRCB Review of Water Sector COVID-19 Impacts and Response to Date – Max Gomberg, SWRCB
11:20 am	Q & A on Data Presented – All Workshop Participants
Noon	Lunch Break (50 minutes)

<u>Panel 1: Possible Solutions to deal with arrearages and other programs as appropriate</u> present/future

12:50 pm Investor-Owned Water Utilities

• Greg Milleman VP, California Rates, California Water Service

- Wes Owens Director, Rates & Regulatory Affairs, California-American Water Company
- John Tang VP Regulatory Affairs, San Jose Water Company

1:20 pm Municipal Water Utilities

- Eric Sandler Chief Financial Officer/Assistant General Manager of Business Services & Erin Franks - Rates Administrator – San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- Jose Solorio Councilmember City of Santa Ana
- Danielle Blacet California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)

1:50 pm Non-Governmental/Community-Based Organization Presentations

- Chione Flegal Managing Director PolicyLink
- Melissa Kasnitz Legal Director Center for Accessible Technology
- Olivia Wein Attorney National Consumer Law Center

2:20 pm Community Water Center Presentations

- Community Water Center Jonathan Nelson, Policy Director
- Sultana Water District Michael Prado Sr., President

2:35 pm Q & A with Panel 1 presenters – All Workshop Participants

3:20 pm Afternoon Break (10 minutes)

<u>Panel 2: Small Investor-Owned Utilities & Small Municipal Utility Operations & Customer Impacts during COVID</u>

3:30 pm Perspective of Regulated Small Water Utilities

- Jennifer Lukins Assistant General Manager Lukins Brothers Water Company
- Kimi Johnson General Manager Lake Alpine Water Company

3:50 pm Perspective of Small Municipal Utilities

• Adan Ortega - Principal - CalMutuals

4:00 pm Q & A with Panel 2 presenters – All Workshop Participants

4:30 pm End

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This meeting will be recorded and made available after the workshop. Panelists' presentations will be made available after the workshop.

*The times and speakers on the preliminary agenda may be updated at the beginning of the workshop.