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**Re: California American Water Company – Rio Plaza Purchase Request  
Application No. 17-12-006**

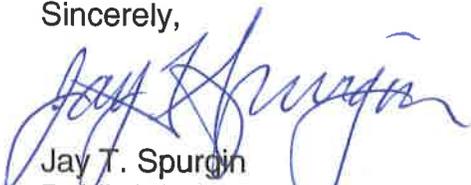
To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Thousand Oaks received a notice from California American Water (Cal-Am) regarding the above-referenced purchase request application on May 25, 2018. The application was originally filed in December 2017, testimony served in April/May 2018, and hearings/briefs/arguments scheduled for June 2018. Notice was late and the City of Thousand Oaks could not get involved because it did not have time given the schedule.

Upon review of the application, Cal-Am makes clear it is not immediately seeking consolidation of Rio Plaza with other districts in the Southern Division. Relying upon that statement by Cal-Am, the City does not have any further response to this Application. However, the City reserves all its rights with respect to consolidation proposals and issues both to the current GRC (A.16-07-002) and any future GRC where Cal-Am addresses consolidation.

Please accept this letter for the public comment file. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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c: Felicia Liberman, Assistant City Attorney  
Dan Carroll, Downey Brand LLP

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On December 1, 2017, California American Water and Rio Plaza Water Company, Inc. (Rio Plaza) submitted Application A.17-12-006 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application seeks approval of California American Water's request to purchase Rio Plaza and serve Rio Plaza Water's customers for operations purposes as part of California American Water's Ventura service district.

In its 2016 GRC<sup>1</sup>, California American Water requested consolidation of several service districts, including Ventura. California American Water has reached a settlement regarding consolidation of its Ventura service district. However, the 2016 GRC proceeding is still pending and no decision regarding California American Water's proposed consolidation or subsequent settlement proposal has been issued.

The average residential California American Water customer is not expected to see any rate or bill impact from the purchase of Rio Plaza as reflected in the table below:

District	Current Bill (Avg.) <sup>2</sup>	Customer Usage (CCF)	Avg. Bill for First Year After Purchase
Rio Plaza	\$62.75	15	\$62.75
Ventura	\$106.76	18	\$106.76

<sup>1</sup> California American Water 2016 General Rate Case (GRC) Application A.16-07-002.

<sup>2</sup> These numbers reflect the total average bill.

If this purchase is approved, future rate increases will include Rio Plaza customers and will be addressed through a GRC process. California American Water expects to file its next GRC in July of 2019, for rates to take effect in 2021. You will receive notice of these future GRC proceedings at that time.

#### **OBTAINING A COPY OF THE APPLICATION**

Non-confidential portions of the application and its attachments will be made available upon request. Such requests should be directed to Wes Owens at wes.owens@amwater.com; 4701 Beloit Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838; 1-916-568-4222.

The application may also be reviewed online on the CPUC's Docket Card webpage <https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:1:0>. Type the application number (1712006) into the Proceeding Number Search box. The application may also be reviewed in person at the CPUC's Central Files Office by appointment. For more information, contact aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or 1-415-703-2045.

#### **CPUC PROCESS**

This application has been assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary hearings may be held where parties of record will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination before the Judge. These hearings are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record may present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. After considering all proposals and all evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the Judge will issue a draft decision which may adopt all or part of California American Water's request, modify, or deny the application. Any of the five CPUC Commissioners may sponsor an alternate decision and the issue will be voted on at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) is reviewing this application. ORA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers. For more information about ORA, please call 1-415-703-1584, email ora@cpuc.ca.gov or visit ORA's website at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/ora/](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/ora/).

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Please refer to **California American Water's Rio Plaza Purchase Request Application No. 17-12-006** in any communications with the CPUC regarding this matter. These comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review to the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.



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RIO PLAZA WATER COMPANY, INC. TO CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN  
WATER COMPANY – APPLICATION NO. A.17-12-006**