

December 12, 2009

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC MEETING
WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF**

Live Oak Springs Water Company (Live Oak) has requested authority from the CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION to increase its water rates by \$42,690 or 67.37% over current rates. The increase is necessary to offset ongoing operating expenses and to provide an adequate rate of return.

The Commission staff will hold a public meeting on January 11, 2009 at the **Live Oak Springs Restaurant 37820 Old Hwy 80, Live Oak Springs California at 5:30 PM**, to explain the rate increase process and receive public input.

The company proposes to increase rates as follows:

<u>Quantity Rate:</u>	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
1 st 300 Cubic Feet	\$1.98	\$3.31
All usage over 300 Cubic Feet	\$2.46	\$4.12

Service Charge:

	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>	
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
For 5/8-inch meter	\$ 30.27	\$51.38
For 3/4-inch meter	45.41	76.00
For 1-inch meter	75.68	126.67
For 1-1/2-inch meter	151.35	253.31
For 2-inch meter	242.16	405.30

The Service Charge is a readiness to serve charge, which is applicable to all metered service and to which is to be added to the every two-month charge computed at the Quantity Rate.

The Commission staff will make a thorough investigation of the utility's request. Following the investigation, the Commission may grant the utility's request in whole or in part, or may deny it. It may also order the utility to charge rates different from those shown in this notice.

The public meeting is informal and affords customers the opportunity to ask questions and express their views. ECWC will have representatives there to explain the reasons for the proposed increase. Likewise there will be a Commission Staff representative who will conduct the meeting and explain how the staff will analyze the proposed rates and fee increases.

California law requires the company to show to the Commission's satisfaction that an increase is justified before it may raise its rates. Customers who would like to call the Commission's attention to any problems concerning their water service, or who would like to provide any other information or comments regarding this requested increase should do so at the public meeting and/or should write to the Commission.

There are two ways to respond to this notice. You may send a protest to the CPUC and, if you do, you must send a copy of the protest to the utility, or you can send a response to the CPUC.

Protests and Responses

A protest is a document objecting to the granting in whole or in part of the authority sought in this advice letter filing. A response is a document that does not object to the authority sought, but nevertheless presents information that the party tendering the response believes would be useful to the Commission in acting on the request.

A protest must be mailed within 20 days of the date of this notice. A protest must state the facts constituting the grounds for the protest, the effect that approval of the advice letter might have on the protestant and the reasons the protestant believes the advice letter or part of it, is not justified. If the protest requests an evidentiary hearing, the protest must state the facts the protestant would present at an evidentiary hearing to support its request for whole or partial denial of the advice letter.

All protests or responses to this filing should be sent to both of the following addresses and should mention that they pertain to **Live Oak Springs Water Company**:

California Public Utilities Commission
Water Utilities Division, Room 3106
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Fax: (415) 703-4426

E-mail: *water_division @cpuc.ca.gov*

Comments must be sent no later than twenty (20) days after the date of this notice was sent.

And to this utility at:
Live Oak Springs Water Company
P O Box 1241
Boulevard, CA 91905
Fax: (619) 766-4944
Email: nazar@liveoaksprings.com

If you have not received a reply to your protest from the utility within 10 business days, contact Live Oak Springs Water Company at (619) 766-4288.

A copy of Live Oak Springs Water Company filing may be inspected in its business office at: **Live Oak Springs Restaurant 37820 Old Hwy 80, Live Oak Springs California**. By calling (619) 766-4288, you may request a copy to be mailed to you. You will be billed for the copies at \$0.10 per page.

Further information may be obtained from the utility at its business office or from the Commission at the above address.

NOTE: THE MEETING PLACE IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED