
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Consolidation of West Water Company public water system with the Sonoma County CSA 41 – Fitch Mountain

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) invites you to attend a public meeting on the mandatory consolidation process to combine the West Water Company public water system with Sonoma County CSA 41 – Fitch Mountain. This will be an operational consolidation and once completed, will become Sonoma County CSA 41 – West. As such, it will continue to be operated as an independent public water system and have no legal or physical connections to any other public water system, including the Fitch Mountain water system.

West Water Company is a privately-owned public water system regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission and the State Water Board.

Background

The West Water Company public water system's well source is only 62 feet deep, does not have a proper seal, has a deteriorating well casing, and is nearing the end of its useful life. The water system was placed on a boil water notice in February 2019 as a result of *E. coli* bacteria being found in the untreated water produced by the well. Based on water production records, the West Water Company does not have storage capacity equal to its maximum day demand as required by Section 64554 of the California Code of Regulations. As part of the consolidation process, improvements are planned to the water system to make it sustainable over the long term. Additionally, as part of the consolidation process, the feasibility of expanding the system to incorporate residences on Riverside Drive will be investigated. If the consolidation occurs, the ownership of West Water Company's infrastructure will be transferred to the County of Sonoma.

Public Meeting

This meeting is required to inform water system customers, including both renters and property owners, as well as other interested parties of the consolidation process of the West Water Company public water system with Sonoma County CSA 41 – Fitch Mountain. The meeting is a requirement of the six-month voluntary consolidation agreement period following the issuance of the consolidation notification to West Water Company and Sonoma County CSA 41 – Fitch Mountain. This six-month time period was originally set to begin on March 16, 2020, the date of the originally scheduled meeting. However, the original meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new six-month period will begin as of the date of this rescheduled meeting.

Because of the restrictions on in-person meetings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will take place online using Zoom meeting software. State Water Board representatives will provide details about the consolidation process and will provide an opportunity for questions and

comments from water system customers, renters, property owners, and other interested parties directly affected by this action.

Date: Monday, October 15, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Online via Zoom
[Meeting Link](#)
Meeting ID: 274 698 4665
Meeting Password: 336593
Meeting Phone Number: 1-669-900-9128

You can join and participate in this meeting either online using your computer/smart phone or by phone (without video). To participate online using your computer or smart phone, open your internet browser and type in the meeting link or go to the Zoom web site by typing in <http://www.zoom.us> in your internet browser. Once on the Zoom site, click on 'Join A Meeting' and type in the meeting ID and the password where it is requested. If you plan to join the meeting by phone with no video, call the meeting phone number and input the meeting ID and password when requested using the number pad on your phone. Detailed instructions for logging onto the meeting are included as an attachment to this letter.

Written public comments and questions may be submitted at any time up to October 15, 2020, one week after the meeting to:

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Email: NorCalEngagement@waterboards.ca.gov

More information [about this meeting will be available](#) on the State Water Board website one week before the meeting including:

- A pre-recorded version of the presentation to be made at the meeting,
- A copy of the Powerpoint slides to be used for the meeting presentation,
- The Zoom meeting link, meeting ID, and meeting password

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/compliance/index.html)

Current Water System Status

The West Water Company public water system is currently being operated by Russian River Utility (RRU) under contract to Sonoma County. RRU may be reached at (707) 887-7735 or [by email](#).

If you are joining the meeting with your computer, click on the following link:
You will see the following screen. If you have zoom installed on your computer, click “Launch Meeting”



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If you are joining the meeting via phone, please call the following number:

You will be prompted to enter a meeting id. Enter the following id: 274 698 4665

You may also be prompted to enter a meeting password. If so, enter the following password: 336593

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