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# News Release

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## **City Utilities invites Customers to Rate Workshops**

*Meetings to be held throughout the City to help customers understand the challenges of gaining infrastructure, increasing regulations and the reasons for proposed rate adjustments*

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities is hosting a series of neighborhood workshops to help educate property owners and bill payers regarding the proposed rate increases for water and sewer rates. The workshops will feature booths where customers can get information regarding aging water and sewer pipes, pumps and treatment plants, increasing regulatory requirements, such as water meters and the impact of the proposed increases on their utility bills.

“A significant amount of the City’s water and sewer infrastructure is approaching or exceeding 100-years old,” said Dave Brent, Interim Director of the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities. “Reinvestment in these systems is necessary to assure reliable water and sewer services and to comply with State and Federal regulations. We are hosting these workshops as part of our effort to let our customers to know more about these challenges so that they and our City Council can make educated decisions when it comes to the future of the City’s water and sewer systems.”

The Department of Utilities is proposing a 3-year rate increase of 10% per year for water and 16%, 15% and 14% for sewer services provided by the City of Sacramento. There was not an increase in these funds this past year. The majority of the funds raised by this rate increase will be dedicated to funding capital projects designed to meet regulatory requirements and put the City on a path of replacing infrastructure on a 1-in-100 year replacement cycle. At the current rate of investment in infrastructure replacement, the City replaces its water system once every 400 years and its sewer system, once every 650 years.

A schedule of workshop dates is attached. For more information about the proposed rate adjustments, please visit [www.yourutilitiesyourvoice.com](http://www.yourutilitiesyourvoice.com).

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## 2012 Utility Rate Workshop Schedule

January 4, 2012  
11-1 p.m.  
New City Hall Lobby  
915 "I" St, Sacramento

January 12, 2012  
5-7 p.m.  
School of Engineering and Science  
7345 Gloria Drive, Sacramento

January 18, 2012  
5-7 p.m.  
South Natomas Community Center  
2921 Truxel Rd, Sacramento

January 19, 2012  
6-8 p.m.  
Clunie Community Center  
601 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento

### **Proposition 218 Rate Hearing**

January 25, 2012, 5:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
New City Hall  
915 "I" St, Sacramento



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