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CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE MEETING FOR CUSTOMERS

Discussion of water rates and infrastructure investment

SACRAMENTO, Calif (September 17, 2012) -- California American Water will hold a community open house for Sacramento area customers to discuss the recent changes in water rates as well as investments in infrastructure, water quality and conservation.

When: Wednesday, September 19th, 2012 at 7 pm.

Where: Cordova Senior Activities Center, 3480 Routier Road, Sacramento, CA 95827

The California Public Utilities Commission approved an increase to California American Water's rates on June 13, 2012. The new rates will fund new infrastructure projects and improvements in the company's Sacramento-area water systems and to offset increases in purchased water, operational and maintenance costs through the end of 2014.

Some of the major infrastructure projects that these rates will help fund within the Sacramento County service district include:

- More than \$9 million for main replacements and fire flow protection improvements.
- More than \$2 million to replace and upgrade some of the district's aging wells.
- More than \$6 million in other system and water treatment improvements.

These investments are in addition to the company's ongoing expenditures to replace water lines, meters, hydrants and upgrade pumping and storage facilities to maintain water service, reliability, efficiency and quality throughout Sacramento.

California American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, provides high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 600,000 people.

Founded in 1886, American Water is the largest publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. With headquarters in Voorhees, N.J., the company employs approximately 7,000 dedicated professionals who provide drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in more than 30 states and parts of Canada. More information can be found by visiting

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