

# CALIFORNIA COALITION ON WATER RATES REFORM

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Dear Elected Officials and other parties of interest,

As a leading elected official in a community relying upon the services of an investor-owned water utility, it is to your benefit to be informed about a non-partisan Statewide ratepayers' movement that represents nearly **6 MILLION ratepayer families** seeking to legislatively reform the ratemaking rules and procedures of the California Public Utilities Commission, hereafter referred to as CPUC.

The City of Lancaster has adopted a resolution in conceptual support of CPUC reforms. Therefore, the California Coalition on Water Rates Reform invites you or your representative to attend an informational meeting to be held:

**Friday, Feb. 16 in the Lancaster City Council Chambers**

**44933 Fern Avenue Lancaster CA 93534**

**The meeting will begin at 1:15 p.m. and end not later than 3:30 p.m.**

In order to ensure concerns are fairly disclosed to all interested parties, the City of Lancaster has reserved their chambers as indicated above. At this time, the non-partisan coalition will present their findings regarding apparent systemic CPUC failure to protect the rights of all residential ratepayers. The Coalition is formed to advocate for fair representation of all affected constituents without regard to political labels or affiliations as it appears the CPUC is enabling regulated monopolies to charge each of us rates three to five times higher than those paid by customers of public water utilities.

This is NOT a protest meeting. Presentations will address the coalition's concerns regarding existing and developing problems in CPUC regulation of investor-owned water utilities. We are requesting that those responsible for leadership within our communities hear our concerns and review our findings to date, in order to assist constituents toward fair and reasonable rates that really amount to a quality of life issue for us all. Cities should not be forced to spend tens of thousands of dollars from general funds to advocate for fair and reasonable treatment of their citizens by the CPUC.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you there,

***“California Coalition on Water Rates Reform”***

For further information and to RSVP on or before Feb. 14 go to: [avwaterwarriors@gmail.com](mailto:avwaterwarriors@gmail.com)