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La Palma to Hold Community Meeting on Proposed Water and Sewer Rates

LA PALMA, Calif. – The City of La Palma will conduct a community meeting on February 9, 2010, to discuss the results of a recently completed water and sewer rate study, which recommends increasing rates and implementing a tiered water rate structure. The workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Royal Palm Room of the La Palma Community Center, 7821 Walker Street, La Palma.

The community meeting will be an opportunity for the residents of La Palma to hear about the proposals and provide comments before they are considered by the City Council. Depending on which rate model is ultimately selected, the typical residential customer in La Palma would pay between 13% and 30% more per month for water.

The City of La Palma's current water and sewer rates were established in 2005 and have not been increased since then. Over the last five years, wholesale water costs have increased approximately 50%. Further, California is experiencing one of the worst water shortages in recent times and water supplies are being limited due to the drought and environmental restrictions. The tiered rate structure is intended to help encourage water conservation by charging higher rates for increased levels of consumption. Consumers using the least amount of water will pay the lowest per unit rates.

The water and sewer study also noted that it will be necessary to complete significant capital improvement projects in the coming years. The proposed rate structures would make it possible to complete those projects. Public Works Director/City Engineer Jeff Moneda said, "Our goal is to be proactive in our efforts to adequately maintain the City's water and sewer systems in order to continue delivering the best possible water quality to our customers."

For more information about the proposed water and sewer rates, please attend the community meeting on February 9 at 6:30 p.m. or visit the City's website at www.cityoflapalma.org/water.

About the City of La Palma

The City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 16,081 residents and 482 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 65 full-time and 35 part-time employees.

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