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**RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE  
DECISION BY LAGUNA MADRE  
WATER DISTRICT TO CHANGE  
RATES**

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**BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE  
OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

**SOAH ORDER NO. 4  
CANCELLING PREHEARING CONFERENCE;  
ADOPTING AGREED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE; NOTICE OF HEARING**

On September 5, 2019, Commission Staff filed request to cancel the prehearing conference, and an agreed proposed procedural schedule. Accordingly, the prehearing conference currently set for September 6, 2019, is CANCELLED.

The parties' agreed procedural schedule is acceptable to the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). Accordingly, the following procedural schedule shall govern this proceeding:

Event	Date
District Direct Testimony	November 4, 2019
Objections to District Direct Testimony	November 11, 2019
Replies to Objections to District Direct Testimony	November 18, 2019
SPI's Direct Testimony or Statement of Position	December 2, 2019
Objections to SPI's Direct Testimony	December 9, 2019
Replies to Objections to SPI's Direct Testimony	December 16, 2019
Staff Direct Testimony	January 13, 2020
Objections to Staff Direct Testimony	January 20, 2020
Replies to Objections to Staff Direct Testimony	January 27, 2020
District Rebuttal Testimony	February 3, 2020
Objections to District Rebuttal Testimony	February 12, 2020
Deadline for written requests for discovery	February 19, 2020
Replies to objections to District Rebuttal Testimony	February 26, 2020

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Event	Date
Identification of Witnesses that will be subject to Cross-Examination at the Hearing on the Merits	March 4, 2020
Hearing on the Merits	April 8-9, 2020

Any of the foregoing deadlines may be modified by written agreement of all parties filed with the ALJ, except the dates for the prehearing conference and the hearing on the merits, which may only be modified by order of the ALJ upon proper motion.


***Notice of Hearing***

**TAKE NOTICE** that the hearing on the merits will convene at **10:00 a.m.** on **April 8, 2019**, at **SOAH, William P. Clements State Office Building, Fourth Floor, 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas**. The hearing on the merits is set for two days. If the parties believe more time shall be required, they shall notify the ALJ as soon as possible.

***Option to Mediate***

The parties are encouraged to endeavor to settle this case. There is no charge to the parties for a SOAH mediation. If the parties would like the assistance of a SOAH mediator, they may file an agreed motion for referral of this case to mediation. The ALJ will not order mediation absent an agreement from all parties to do so. More information about mediation at SOAH is available at: <http://www.soah.texas.gov/Hearings-And-Mediation/mediation.html>.

**SIGNED September 9, 2019.**

  
CHRISTIAAN SIANO  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS