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**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY'S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
REQUESTING TO INCREASE RATES
LOS OSOS SERVICE AREA
(APPLICATION NO. 20-07-012)**

On July 15, 2020, Golden State Water Company (GSWC) filed what is known as a “General Rate Case” (GRC) application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application filing by GSWC requests to increase rates to align with the anticipated costs to provide reliable water service and make critical infrastructure improvements over the three-year period from 2022 through 2024. This application will have no impact on current water rates or rates for 2021. The soonest new rates could take effect would be January 1, 2022.

In this application, GSWC is requesting to consolidate its Los Osos and Santa Maria Customer Service Areas under a new Coastal Region consolidated rate structure for both its residential and non-residential customers. Under GSWC’s special request, the rates in Los Osos would be frozen at their current level.

Why is GSWC requesting this rate increase?

The CPUC requires GSWC to submit a GRC application every three-years. The purpose of this GRC is for GSWC to cover its anticipated costs from 2022 through 2024 for improvements to the water supply system, depreciation, federal income tax, chemicals, and other maintenance expense (such as well maintenance).

Under GSWC’s proposal to consolidate rates, metered rates in Los Osos would be frozen at their present level and would not be increased, **excluding any applicable surcharges**. The table below shows the proposed revenue increases by customer class for Los Osos if GSWC’s Special Request for the Coastal Consolidation of Los Osos and Santa Maria districts is not approved:

Los Osos									
Proposed Revenue Increases (Dollars in Thousands)									
Description Customer Class	Present Revenue	2022 Increase		2023 Increase		2024 Increase		Total Increase	
	\$	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Residential	3,138.5	628.2	20.0%	157.2	4.2%	170.8	4.3%	956.2	28.5%
Commercial	592.5	110.0	18.6%	28.3	4.0%	32.0	4.3%	170.2	26.9%
Industrial	8.9	1.7	18.8%	0.4	4.1%	0.5	4.3%	2.6	27.2%
Public Authority	135.5	25.4	18.7%	6.5	4.1%	7.3	4.3%	39.2	27.1%
Irrigation	83.9	15.4	18.3%	4.0	3.9%	4.6	4.3%	24.0	26.6%
Other	(17.2)	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Private Fire	8.4	2.5	30.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	2.5	30.0%
TOTAL	3,950.5	783.1	19.8%	196.4	4.1%	215.1	4.3%	1,194.6	28.3%

How could this affect my monthly bill?

Consolidated Rate Structure Bill Impact

Under GSWC’s proposal to consolidate rates, metered rates in Los Osos would be frozen at their present level, **excluding any applicable surcharges**. However, GSWC is proposing an increase to the general Schedule No. AA-4 (Private Fire Service) from \$5 to \$6.50 per inch of diameter of service connection.

Stand-alone Bill Impact

If the proposed application is approved by the CPUC, but GSWC’s request to consolidate rates in Los Osos with the Santa Maria service areas is not approved, the average residential customer with a 5/8 x 3/4" meter using 6 Ccf would see a monthly bill increase of \$15.94, from \$83.24 to \$99.18 in 2022. In 2023 the average residential customer would see a monthly bill increase of \$4.13, from \$99.18 to \$103.31, and a monthly bill increase of \$4.49, from \$103.31 to \$107.80 in 2024, **excluding any applicable surcharges**.

How does the rest of the process work?

This application will be assigned to a judge, who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt GSWC’s application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners.

The Public Advocates Office may review this application. The Public Advocates Office is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a statutory mandate to represent customers of investor-owned utilities to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with safe and reliable service and the state’s environmental policy goals. For more information, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

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Where can I get more information?

Contact GSWC

- View GSWC's Application and related exhibits: <https://www.gswater.com/2022-24grc>
- Contact GSWC's 24-hour Customer Service Center at: 1-800-999-4033 (toll-free) or TTY 1-877-933-9533
- Contact via email at: customerservice@gswater.com
- Contact via mail at: Golden State Water Company
Attention: Regulatory Affairs Department
630 East Foothill Boulevard
San Dimas, CA 91773

Contact the CPUC

You may also get information regarding this proceeding by contacting the CPUC:

- If you would like to make a comment, please visit cpuc.ca.gov/A2007012Comments to submit a comment on the CPUC Docket Card. You can also view other public comments related to this rate request.
- If you have questions about the CPUC process, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office via:

Phone: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**
1-866-836-7825 (toll-free) or TTY 1-415-703-5282

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Please reference **GSWC's GRC Application No. 20-07-012** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

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