

New Rates Invest in Water Reliability, Quality

The California Public Utilities Commission approved new rates that went into effect July 31, 2023.

Golden State Water provides reliable, high-quality drinking water to approximately **16,200** customers in the **Arden Cordova** Customer Service Area, which includes portions of **Rancho Cordova, Gold River and Arden Manor**.



On June 29, 2023, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved new water rates to help ensure the safety and dependability of your local water system, create local jobs, and uphold **the fundamental right of every Californian to access to safe, clean, and affordable water, regardless of their zip code.**

In this rate case, **Golden State Water is investing in the Arden Cordova system, avoiding the costly and sometimes dangerous effects of deferring maintenance or delaying the replacement of aging infrastructure.**

Customers should never have to think twice about the quality of the water coming from their tap.



Rate Making Principles:



Ensures the safety and dependability of the local water system



Protects the environment by reducing the company's carbon footprint and its energy demands



Upholds the fundamental right of every Californian to access safe, clean and affordable water

Proactive Investments in the Safety, Reliability of Your Water System

Rates are invested in the treatment and delivery of water to create sustainable, long-term value for customers



Water Rates

Since acquiring the Robbins water system in 2022, Golden State Water has been working with the State of California to obtain funding to make major capital investments in the water system's water supply and treatment. Until the drinking water meets federal and state water standards, customers will continue to receive free bottled water service.

Local water infrastructure investments are financed by new rates that went into effect July 31, 2023.

The average residential customer in the Arden Cordova Customer Service Area with a 5/8 x 3/4" meter using 9,724 gallons (1,300 cubic feet or 13 Ccf) per month will see their monthly bill increase from **\$37.81 to \$38.88** (excluding any applicable surcharges).



Rate-Making Process

Golden State Water must file a General Rate Case (GRC) application every three years with the CPUC as a regulated utility. The CPUC sets water rates after an extensive review process by the CPUC Public Advocates Office, only after considering customer input. This process ensures the lowest possible water rates without compromising the safety and reliability of your water service.

Frequently Asked Questions on the Rate-Making Process, visit www.gswater.com/rates

Factors Impacting Customer Bills

Water rates are determined based on several factors necessary to provide reliable service and to maintain and replace aging infrastructure. There are also factors beyond our control, such as rising regulatory, energy and construction costs, and taxes. This year, the CPUC delayed approving 2022 rates until June of 2023, requiring rates for two years to be combined into one year.

Golden State Water Offers Financial Assistance

While we try to keep costs as low as possible, we recognize that higher water bills can be challenging for some customers. For financial assistance for qualified low-income customers, visit www.gswater.com.