

**NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FILING BY GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO ESTABLISH A
NON-CONTIGUOUS SERVICE AREA TO PROVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY WATER AND SEWER
SERVICE IN SAN BENITO COUNTY AND ESTABLISH RATES FOR SERVICE
APPLICATION 23-12-009**

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) filed Application 23-12-009 with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to establish a non-contiguous service area, the San Juan Oaks Customer Service Area, to provide public utility water and sewer service in San Benito County as part of a new San Juan Oaks Specific Plan, and to establish rates for those services.

GSWC seeks a CPCN from the CPUC to provide public utility water and sewer services to new customers at San Juan Oaks, a master-planned community in San Benito County currently under development by San Juan Oaks Owner, LLC (Developer). The community will include residences, parks, a community amenity center, open space areas, commercial space, a golf course, a resort hotel, agricultural preserves, and associated infrastructure. Water and sewer services for the service area are required as part of this development.

On November 3, 2015, the County of San Benito Board of Supervisors approved the Project Specific Plan, and the Developer is currently undertaking the development and construction of the Project. San Juan Oaks Mutual Water Company (SJO Mutual), a mutual water company formed by the Developer, will provide the water and sewer services for the Project while this application is pending approval.

The Developer desires that GSWC provide the water and sewer services for the Project. Upon issuance of the CPCN from the CPUC requested by this application, GSWC will replace SJO Mutual as the water and sewer service provider for the Project.

GSWC estimates that by the end of 2025, the first year of GSWC's anticipated ownership of the system, 200 residential customers will require water and sewer service. GSWC proposes to establish water and sewer service rules and rates for the San Juan Oaks Customer Service Area in this application. There are currently no residents at the Project site.

CPUC Process

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge, who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law 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 with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review GSWC's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

**Where can I get more information?
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A copy of the application and any related documents may also be reviewed at:

www.gswater.com/sjocsa_application

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2312009 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Your participation, by providing your thoughts on GSWC's request, can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

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Please reference **Application 23-12-009** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY