

**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY  
NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR  
CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR WATER (CARW) PROGRAM**

**Program Description**

The California Public Utilities Commission has authorized Golden State Water Company to implement a Low Income Rate Assistance Program to assist low-income families. GSWC's California Alternate Rates for Water (CARW) program provides a flat 15% monthly credit for eligible customers based upon the same income qualification guidelines that are used by the electric and gas California Alternate Rate for Energy (CARE) programs.

If you already participate in the CARE program of PG&E, Southern California Edison or Southern California Gas Company, you will also qualify for GSWC's CARW program by submitting a copy of a current utility bill showing your eligibility for CARE. Customers who do not participate in these programs, can qualify by submitting an application and income verification in accordance with the program guidelines. The CARW program also extends eligibility to customers in mobile homes who receive their water through sub-metered service, non-profit group living facilities, agricultural employee housing facilities and migrant worker housing centers that are enrolled in the CARE programs. The CARW discount becomes effective after your application and proof of income have been verified and approved.

In order to fund this program, the Commission has authorized GSWC to collect a surcharge of approximately \$0.04 per ccf per month from all customers who are not recipients of the CARW benefits.

**Program Qualifications**

- ✓ The GSWC bill must be in your name and the address must be your primary residence or you must be a tenant receiving water service by a sub-metered system in a mobile home park.
- ✓ You may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.
- ✓ You must reapply each time you move.
- ✓ You must renew your application every two years, or sooner, if requested.
- ✓ You must notify GSWC within 30 days if you become ineligible for CARW.
- ✓ Your total gross annual income of all persons living in your household cannot exceed the income levels below:

**Income Verification**

<b>CARW Income Qualifications (Effective as of June 1, 2008)</b>	
Number of Persons Living in Household	Total Combined Income from All Sources
1-2	\$ 30,500
3	\$ 35,800
4	\$ 43,200
5	\$ 50,600
6	\$ 58,000
Each Additional person	\$ 7, 400

For the purpose of the CARW program the "gross household income" means all money and non cash benefits, available for living expenses, from all sources, both taxable and non taxable, before deductions for all people who live in my home. This includes, but is not limited to:

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| <input type="radio"/> Wages or salaries  | <input type="radio"/> Social Security, SSI, SSP                                      | <input type="radio"/> Rental or royalty income                                      |
| <input type="radio"/> Interest or dividends from:<br>Savings accounts, stocks or bonds | <input type="radio"/> Scholarships, grants, or other aid<br>used for living expenses | <input type="radio"/> Profit from self-employment<br>(IRS form Schedule C, Line 29) |
| <input type="radio"/> Unemployment benefits  | <input type="radio"/> Disability payments  | <input type="radio"/> Worker's Compensation   |
| <input type="radio"/> TANF(AFDC)   | <input type="radio"/> Food Stamps  | <input type="radio"/> Child Support   |
| <input type="radio"/> Pensions   | <input type="radio"/> Insurance settlements  | <input type="radio"/> Spousal Support   |
| <input type="radio"/> Gifts  | <input type="radio"/> Legal settlements  | <input type="radio"/> Other Income  |

**If you are eligible and would like to participate in Golden State Water Company's CARW program please complete the application and submit the required income verification to:**

Golden State Water Company  
CARW Program  
P.O. Box 9016  
San Dimas, California 91773  
1-800-999-4033

