

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



December 31, 2019

Ronald K. Moore
Senior Regulatory Analyst
Golden State Water Company
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773

Dear Mr. Moore,

The Commission has approved Golden State Water Company's Advice Letter No. 1799, filed on November 15, 2019, regarding the 2020 Escalation Increase for Clearlake District.

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets for the utility's files:

P.U.C.	Sheet No.	Title of Sheet
	8531-W	Schedule No. CL-1, Clearlake District General Metered Service, Page 1
	8532-W	Table of Contents, Page 2
	8533-W	Table of Contents, Page 1

Please contact Jeremy Ho at 415-703-1905, if you have any questions.

Thank you,

/s/ROBIN BRYANT

Robin Bryant
Water & Sewer Advisory Branch
Water Division

Enclosures



November 15, 2019

Advice Letter No. 1799-W

(U 133 W)

California Public Utilities Commission

Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") hereby transmits one original and three conformed copies of the following tariff sheets applicable to its Clearlake Customer Service Area ("CSA"):

<u>CPUC Sheet No</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
Revised No. 8531-W	Schedule No. CL-1 Clearlake District General Metered Service, Page 1	Revised No. 8308-W
Revised No. 8532-W	Table of Contents Page 2	Revised No. 8529-W
Revised No. 8533-W	Table of Contents Page 1	Revised No. 8530-W

Subject: 2020 Escalation Year increase for Clearlake

PURPOSE

This advice letter submittal seeks to implement Escalation Year 2020 water rates, as authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), for the Clearlake CSA. GSWC's request is being made pursuant to Decision No. ("D.") 19-05-044, dated May 30, 2019 for GSWC's General Rate Case Application (Application No. 17-07-010). Specifically, Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of D.19-05-044 states,

1. The joint motion filed on August 15, 2018, for the adoption of the Settlement Agreement, is granted. The Settlement Agreement attached to this decision as Appendix A is adopted.

Ordering Paragraph No. 4 states,

4. For escalation years 2020 and 2021, Golden State Water Company must file Tier 1 advice letters in conformance with General Order 96-B proposing new revenue requirements and corresponding revised tariff schedules for each ratemaking area in this proceeding. The advice letters must follow the escalation procedures set forth in the Revised Rate Case Plan for Class A Water Utilities adopted in Decision 07-05-062 and must include supporting workpapers. Golden State Water Company must

file for rate reduction if the escalation procedures result in a rate reduction due to negative rate base growth, inflation factors, or customer growth. The revised tariff schedule must take effect on January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021, respectively and apply to services rendered on and after their effective dates. The proposed revised revenue requirements and rates must be reviewed by the Commission's Water Division. The Water Division must inform the Commission if it finds that the revised rates do not conform to the Revised Rate Case Plan, this decision, or other Commission decisions, and if so, reject the filing.

COMPLIANCE

GSWC is filing this advice letter to implement rates for Escalation Year 2020. GSWC is authorized to increase rates in its Clearlake CSA by \$137,259 or 5.78%. Accordingly, GSWC has computed the 2020 Escalation Year using the escalation methodology set forth in the Revised Rate Case Plan, the escalation factors as of September 2019, as published by the Public Advocates Office Energy Cost of Service Branch, and the current CPI-U available at the time of filing.

RATE OF RETURN

The following summary lists the Recorded, Authorized, and Pro-forma rates of return in GSWC's Clearlake CSA for twelve months ending September 2019. The pro forma rate of return is calculated in accordance with guidelines provided by the Water Division.

Recorded	5.72%
Authorized	7.91%
Pro forma	6.62%

As shown above, the Pro-forma return is less than the Authorized rate of return. As such, no earnings adjustment is required for the proposed 2020 water rate increase.

BILL IMPACT

The monthly bill of a residential customer on Schedule No. CL-1 with a 5/8" x 3/4" meter, using 5 Ccfs will increase by \$4.85 or 5.82%.

Two copies of detailed workpapers supporting the proposed rate increase and rate calculations are being supplied to the Commission Staff under a separate cover.

TIER DESIGNATION

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

As directed, the effective date of these revised tariffs shall be January 1, 2020.

NOTICE

Customer Notice: This is a Tier 1 advice letter that does not require customer notification, as provided in Water Industry Rule 7.3.1 of General Order 96-B. GSWC will include a bill message on the customer's first bill after the increase goes into effect to inform its Clearlake customers of this rate increase.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST

Anyone may submit a response or protest for this Advice Letter (AL). When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.**

A **response** supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the advice letter. A **protest** objects to the AL in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds are:

1. The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the AL;
2. The relief requested in the AL would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies;
3. The analysis, calculations, or data in the AL contain material error or omissions;
4. The relief requested in the AL is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
5. The relief requested in the AL requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the AL process; or
6. The relief requested in the AL is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory, provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require re-litigating a prior order of the Commission.

A protest may not rely on policy objections to an AL where the relief requested in the AL follows rules or directions established by statute or Commission order applicable to the utility. A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

DWA must receive a response or protest via email (**or** postal mail) within 20 days of the date the AL is filed. When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.**

The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

Email Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

Mailing Address:

CA Public Utilities Commission
Division of Water and Audits
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

On the same day the response or protest is submitted to DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Golden State Water Company at:

Email Address:
regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com

Mailing Address:
Golden State Water Company
Ronald Moore
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform DWA, within the 20 day protest period, so that a late filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

REPLIES

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by DWA within five business days after the end of the protest period, and shall be served on the same day on each person who filed the protest or response to the AL. Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, within the 20 day protest period, so that a late filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

The actions requested in this advice letter are not now the subject of any formal filings with the California Public Utilities Commission, including a formal complaint, nor action in any court of law.

No individuals or utilities have requested notification of filing of tariffs. Distribution of this advice letter is being made to the attached service list in accordance with General Order No. 96-B.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ronald Moore

Ronald Moore
Regulatory Affairs Department
Golden State Water Company

c: Jim Boothe, CPUC- Water Division
Pat Ma, CPUC- Water Branch, Cal PAO
Richard Smith, CPUC- Water Branch, Cal PAO

Table of Contents

<u>Subject Matter of Sheet</u>	<u>Schedule Number</u>	<u>CPUC Sheet No.</u>	
Rate Schedules:			
All Districts			
Utility Fee Surcharge	UF	8248-W	
Private Fire Service	AA-4	4801-W, 3285-W	
Public Fire Service	AA-5	2931-W	
Cross Connection Control Fee	CCCF	7506-W	
Fire Flow Testing Charge	FF	7659-W	
California Alternate Rates for Water	LI	8310-W, 8287-W	
Arden-Cordova District			
General Metered Service	AC-1	8523-W, 8497-W, 8299-W, 8421-W	(P)
Flat Rate Service	AC-2	8524-W, 8498-W, 8422-W	(P)
Bay Point District			
Residential Metered Service	BY-1-R	8528-W, 8500-W, 8426-W	(P)
Non-Residential Metered Service	BY-1-NR	8527-W, 8499-W, 8425-W	(P)
Clearlake District			
General Metered Service	CL-1	8531-W, 8501-W, 8460-W*	(C)
Los Osos District			
Residential Metered Service	LO-1-R	8314-W, 8503-W, 8462-W*	
Non-Residential Metered Service	LO-1-NR	8311-W, 8502-W, 8432-W, 8461-W*	
Recycled Water Service	LO-RCW	8317-W, 8504-W, 8463-W*	
Water Conservation	14.1-LO	7300-W, 7301-W, 7302-W, 7303-W, 7304-W, 7305-W	
Metropolitan District			
Residential Metered Service	ME-1-R	8412-W, 8506-W, 8465-W*	
Non-Residential Metered Service	ME-1-NR	8410-W, 8505-W, 8386-W, 8446-W, 8464-W*	
Reclaimed Water Service	ME-3	8414-W, 8507-W, 8466-W*	

(Continued)

(To be inserted by utility)	<i>Issued By</i>	(To be inserted by P.U.C.)
Advice Letter No. <u>1799-W</u>	R. J. Sprowls	Date Filed <u>November 15, 2019</u>
Decision No. <u>19-05-044</u>	President	Effective <u>January 1, 2020</u>
		Resolution No. _____

Table of Contents

The following tariff sheets contain all effective rates and rules affecting rates and service of the utility, together with information relating thereto:

<u>Subject Matter of Sheet</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>	
Title Page	4905-W	
Table of Contents	8533-W, 8532-W, 8520-W, 8402-W	(T)
Preliminary Statements: 8370-W, 7005-W, 3140-W, 3141-W, 3142-W, 6940-W, 5096-W*, 5097-W*, 5102-W, 5223-W, 5322-W, 6477-W, 6478-W, 6479-W, 7075-W, 7076-W, 5607-W, 5848-W, 5937-W, 6101-W, 6103-W, 6123-W, 6225-W, 6475-W, 6559-W, 6652-W, 6858-W, 7129-W, 6938-W, 7368-W, 7441-W, 7442-W, 7451-W, 7481-W, 7728-W, 7730-W, 7747-W, 7748-W, 7749-W, 7750-W, 7756-W, 7994-W, 8007-W, 8246-W, 8365-W, 8366-W, 8367-W, 8418-W, 8419-W, 8494-W, 8495-W		(P)
Tariff Area Maps:		
Arden - Cordova		
Arden	6837-W	
Cordova	6838-W	
Barstow	5560-W	
Bay	8189-W	
Calipatria-Niland	6846-W	
Clearlake	6839-W	
Claremont	8487-W	(P)
Morongo Valley	8223-W, 6427-W	
Apple Valley North	5802-W	
Apple Valley South	8221-W	
Desert View	8222-W	
Lucerne Valley	5805-W	
Los Osos		
Edna Road	8198-W	
Los Osos	5253-W	
Metropolitan		
Artesia	8292-W	
Norwalk	7732-W	
Bell-Bell Gardens	6675-W	
Florence-Graham	8294-W	
Hollydale	8295-W	
Culver City	8293-W	
Southwest	8196-W	
Willowbrook	6842-W	
Orange County		
Bolsa Chica	4381-W	
Cowan Heights	8251-W	
Cypress-Los Alamitos-Stanton	8252-W	
Placentia-Yorba Linda	6844-W	
San Dimas	8226-W	
San Gabriel Valley		
South Arcadia	8004-W	
South San Gabriel	8005-W	
Santa Maria		
Cypress Ridge	8254-W	
Lake Marie	5705-W	
Orcutt	5558-W	
Sisquoc	5257-W	
Tanglewood	7429-W	
Nipomo	5259-W	
Simi Valley	8190-W	
Wrightwood	6428-W	

(Continued)

(To be inserted by utility)	<i>Issued By</i>	(To be inserted by P.U.C.)
Advice Letter No. <u>1799-W</u>	R. J. Sprowls	Date Filed <u>November 15, 2019</u>
Decision No. <u>19-05-044</u>	President	Effective <u>January 1, 2020</u>
		Resolution No. _____

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

SERVICE LIST

CLEARLAKE DISTRICT

Highlands Water Company
14580 Lakeshore Drive
Clearlake, CA 95422

Konocti County Water District
15844 – 35th Street
Clearlake, CA 95422
kcwd@mchsi.com

City Clerk
City of Clearlake
14050 Olympic Drive
Clearlake, CA 95422
mswanson@clearlake.ca.us

City Attorney
City of Clearlake
14050 Olympic Drive
Clearlake, CA 95422

Local Agency Formation Commission
P. O. Box 2694
Granite Bay, CA 95746
j.benoit4@icloud.org

Fred G. Yanney
Yanney Law Office
17409 Marquardt Ave., Unit C-4
Cerritos CA 90703
FredYanney@gmail.com

Megan Somogyi
Goodin, MacBride, Squeri & Day, LLP
505 Sansome Street, Suite 900
San Francisco, CA 94111
MSomogy@goodinmacbride.com