CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION **DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name:	GOLDEN STATE WA	TER COMPANY	Date Mailed to S	ervice List:	6/10/2025
District:	REGION 1 - SANTA	MARIA			
CPUC Utility #:	133 W		Protest Deadline	(20th Day):	6/30/2025
Advice Letter #:	1965-W		Review Deadline	(30th Day):	7/10/2025
Tier	⊠1 □2	☐ Compliance	Requested Effe	ctive Date:	7/1/2025
Authorization	Standard Practice U	J-27	R	ate Impact:	\$292,531
Description:		e base rates to offset th expense for purchased		ate impact	1.40%
The protest or response dead see the "Response or Protest"				s mailed to the	service list. Please
Utility Contact	t: Gladys Estrada	a	Utility Contact:	Brad Powel	1
Phone	e: (909) 394-3600	x 527	Phone:	(909) 394-36	600 x 422
Email	l: grosendo@gs	water.com	Email:	Brad.Powel	ll@gswater.com
DWA Contact: Phone: Email:	Tariff Unit (415) 703-1133 Water.Division	@cpuc.ca.gov			
		DWA USE OI	NLY		
<u>DATE</u>	STAFF		COMN	MENTS	
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Signature:

Date:



June 10, 2025

Advice Letter No. 1965-W

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TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) hereby transmits this Tier 1 advice letter requesting authority to change the following tariff sheets applicable to its Santa Maria Customer Service Area:

<u>CPUC Sheet No</u> Revised No. 9866-W	<u>Title of Sheet</u> Schedule No. SM-1-NR Santa Maria Customer Service Area Non-Residential Metered Service, Page 1	Canceling CPUC Sheet No. Revised No. 9717-W
Revised No. 9867-W	Schedule No. SM-1-NR Santa Maria Customer Service Area Non-Residential Metered Service, Page 4	Revised No. 9831-W
Revised No. 9868-W	Schedule No. SM-1-R Santa Maria Customer Service Area Residential Metered Service, Page 1	Revised No. 9721-W
Revised No. 9869-W	Schedule No. SM-1-R Santa Maria Customer Service Area Residential Metered Service, Page 4	Revised No. 9832-W
Revised No. 9870-W	Schedule No. SM-3ML Santa Maria Customer Service Area Limited Metered Irrigation Service, Page 1	Revised No. 9725-W
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GSWC is seeking authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to increase the water rates in its Santa Maria Customer Service Area (CSA) by \$292,531 or 1.40% to offset purveyor rate changes for purchased power costs.

Background

Electricity for the Santa Maria CSA is purchased from Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). PG&E increased their electric rates on March 1, 2025. This resulted in an increase in GSWC's annual purchased electricity expense of \$291,949 above the amount currently reflected in GSWC's rates.

Revenues to cover the supply expense rate changes would also increase the uncollectible and franchise fee expenses by \$579 and \$2 respectively, above the amounts currently reflected in GSWC's rates.

As shown in the workpapers, an increase of \$292,531 or 1.40% to Adopted Gross Revenue is needed to offset the net supply costs increase in Santa Maria.

Copies of detailed workpapers supporting the proposed rate increase and rate calculations have been provided to the Commission Staff in accordance with Standard Practice U-27-W.

Effective Date

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation. GSWC is requesting this filing become effective July 1, 2025.

Notice

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 Section 4.3 of General Order No. 96-B.

GSWC will notify its customers of this rate increase by placing a message on the customer's water bills that are generated after the increase goes into effect.

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 AL. 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.

WD must receive a response or protest via email (<u>or</u> 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 is:

California Public Utilities Commission Water Division 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

E-mail: Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

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

Golden State Water Company Attn: Gladys Estrada 630 East Foothill Blvd. San Dimas, CA 91773

E-mail: regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com

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 WD 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. 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,

<u>/s/ Gladys Estrada</u> Gladys Estrada Regulatory Analyst

cc: Wilson Tsai – Water Division Alex Pineda - Water Division Richard Rauschmeier - Public Advocates Victor Chan- Public Advocates

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Schedule No. SM-1-NR Santa Maria District Non-Residential Metered Service

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water services except those covered under Schedule No. SM-1-R, residential metered service.

TERRITORY

Within the established Santa Maria District, San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County and the unincorporated area known as Tract 151, and vicinity, located approximately 2 miles southeast of the community of Oceano, Cypress Ridge, San Luis Obispo County.

RATES

\$ 4.018	(I)
Per Meter	
Per Month	
\$ 43.80	(I)
\$ 65.70	
\$ 109.50	
\$ 219.00	
\$ 350.40	
\$ 657.00	
\$ 1,095.00	
\$ 2,190.00	
\$ 3,504.00	
\$ 5,037.00	
\$ 689.85	
\$ 552.76	
\$ 766.94	
\$ 594.80	(İ)
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The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

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Schedule No. SM-1-NR Santa Maria District Non-Residential Metered Service

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 14. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.014 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 12-months, beginning on February 1, 2025. The surcharge recovers the balance in the Drinking Water Fees Balancing Account.
- 15. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.001 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 12-months, beginning on February 1, 2025. The surcharge recovers the balance in the CEMA Extreme Heat Event Memorandum Account.
- 16. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.099 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 12-months, beginning on May 1, 2025. The surcharge recovers the difference between the interim rates and the final rates for the period of January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025.
- 17. Beginning July 1, 2025, as required by Section 792.5 of the Public Utilities Code, an increase in purchased power of \$0.03429/kWh relative to the Purchased Power adopted by Decision No. 25-01-036, and an associated revenue increase of 1.40%, are being tracked in a reserve account. (N)

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Schedule No. SM-1-R Santa Maria District Residential Metered Service

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all residential metered water services provided to single-family residential customers.

TERRITORY

Within the established Santa Maria District, San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County and the unincorporated area known as Tract 151, and vicinity, located approximately 2 miles southeast of the community of Oceano, San Luis Obispo County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:		
Tier 1 – First 14 Ccf, per 100 cu. ft.	\$4.018	(I)
Tier 2 – Next 28 Ccf, per 100 cu. ft.	\$4.621	(I)
Tier 3 – Over 42 Ccf, per 100 cu. ft.	\$5.314	(I)

Service Charges:		Meter <u>Month</u>	
For $5/8 \times 3/4$ -inch meter	\$	36.21	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	\$	54.32	
For 1-inch meter	\$	90.53	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	\$ 1	81.05	
For 2-inch meter	\$ 2	289.68	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 5/8x 3/4-inch	\$	38.38	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 3/4-inch	\$	55.40	
Fire Sprinkler 1 ½-inch to 3/4-inch	\$	64.82	
Fire Sprinkler 1 ½-inch to 1-inch	\$ 1	.00.66	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 3/4-inch	\$	68.44	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 1-inch	\$ 1	04.28	(I)

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

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Schedule No. SM-1-R Santa Maria District Residential Metered Service

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 15. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.001 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 12-months, beginning on February 1, 2025. The surcharge recovers the balance in the CEMA Extreme Heat Event Memorandum Account.
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Schedule No. SM-3ML Santa Maria District Limited Metered Irrigation Service

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to metered irrigation water service except those covered under Schedules No. SM-1-R and Schedule SM-1-NR.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area known as Lake Marie Ranches located in the former Lake Marie Service.

RATES

Quantity Rates: For all water delivered, per 100 cu. ft. \$ 3.260 (I) Per Meter Per Month Service Charges: For 3/4-inch meter \$ 122.93 (I) For 1-inch meter \$ 138.18 (I) For 3-inch meter \$ 325.04 (I)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
- 2. A customer desiring to obtain water deliveries under this schedule must first obtain a written permit from the utility, with service limited to existing customers as of December 31, 1986. All outdoor irrigation must occur before 8 am or after 7 pm on specified watering day.
- 3. The utility will supply only such water pressure as may be available from time to time as a result of its normal operations.
- 4. Applicants requesting a new service connection, a new water meter or an increase in the size of their existing service connection and/or existing water meter resulting in increased demand within the Santa Maria Customer Service Area, as defined on the Service Area Maps, must provide a source of supplemental water to offset the increased water demand, pursuant to the Court adopted Stipulation in Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria, et al. (and related actions), Lead Case No. CV 770214, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara, in January 2008,
- 5. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, a surcharge of \$0.166 per Ccf will be applied to all metered customer bills excluding customers that are receiving the CAP credit. This surcharge will offset the CAP credits and CAP administrative program costs recorded in the CAP Balancing Account.

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Schedule No. SM-3ML Santa Maria District Limited Metered Irrigation Service

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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Golden State Water Company Santa Maria RMA Supply Expenses Summary

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	2025	2026	2027	2025 Revised	2026 Revised	2027 Revised
Committe Values						
Supply Volume Wells Production (CCF)	3.110.058	3.132.605	3.155.152	3,110,058	3,132,605	3,155,152
Purchased Water (CCF)	107,203	107,203	107,203	107,203	107,203	107,203
Purchased-Reclaim/Recycle (CCF)	107,200	107,200	107,200	-	-	-
Surface Water (CCF)				-	-	_
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Total Supply (CCF)	3,217,261	3,239,808	3,262,355	3,217,261	3,239,808	3,262,355
Energy Cost						
Energy Cost - Electric	2,855,451	2,870,030	2,884,608	\$3,147,400	3,163,325	3,179,237
Electric kwh	8,514,702	8,574,374	8,634,046	\$8,514,702	8,574,374	8,634,046
\$/KWH	\$0.33536	\$0.33472	\$0.33410	\$0.36964	\$0.36893	\$0.36822
Energy Costs - Gas	4,045	4,122	4,192	4,045	4,122	4,192
Purchased Water Cost						
SM-City of Santa Maria/CCWA						
Purchased Supply Volume (in CCf)	102,297.60	102,297.60	102,297.60	102,297.60	102,297.60	102,297.60
Total Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$/CCF	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000
SM-Central Coast Water Authority						
Purchased Supply Volume (in CCf)	4,905.08	4,905.08	4,905.08	4,905.08	4,905.08	4,905.08
Total Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$/CCF	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000
SM-Nipomo Supplemental Water						
Purchased Supply Volume (in CCf)	<u>-</u>	-	_	_	_	_
Nipomo Supplemental Water	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00
Total Cost	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00
\$/CCF	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000
Purchased Supply Volume (in CCf)	107,203	107.203	107,203	107,203	107,203	107,203
Total Purchased Water Cost	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00	\$780,212.00
\$/CCF	\$7.27792	\$7.27792	\$7.27792	\$7.27792	\$7.27792	\$7.27792
Total	\$3,639,708	\$3,654,364	\$3,669,012	\$3,931,657	\$3,947,659	\$3,963,641

VERIFICATION

I am Vice President of Water Operations and an officer of Golden State Water Company ("GSWC"), and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf with respect to the customer notification for **Advice Letter No. 1965-W**. GSWC intends to provide customer notification of **Advice Letter No. 1965-W** to affected customers by: (check all that apply)

	Bill Insert
✓	Bill Message
	Individual Notice by Mail
	Electronic Mail
	Legal Notices Published in a Local Newspaper of General Circulation
	Other (please explain)

GSWC will include a bill message on each of its customers' first bill generated after **Advice Letter No. 1965-W** goes into effect, to inform them of the sur-credit or surcharge approved in the advice letter filing. In addition, a copy of this advice letter and the bill message will be posted on the Company's website. The foregoing statement is true of my own knowledge.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 10th day of June 2025, at San Dimas, California.



David Schickling Vice President of Water Operations Golden State Water Company

Bill Message

Effective July 1, 2025, your bill includes an increase to offset purchased electricity supply costs. Learn more at www.gswater.com/advice-letters-0

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

SERVICE LIST

SANTA MARIA DISTRICT

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