





November 10, 2025

Advice Letter No. 1976-W

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## California Public Utilities Commission

Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") hereby transmits the following tariff sheets applicable to its Los Osos Customer Service Area ("CSA"):

<u>CPUC Sheet No</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
Revised No. 9913-W	Schedule No. LO-1-NR Los Osos Customer Service Area Non-Residential Metered Service, Page 1	Revised No. 9685-W
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Revised No. 9917-W	Schedule No. LO-1-R Los Osos Customer Service Area Residential Metered Service, Page 2	Revised No. 9795-W
Revised No. 9918-W	Schedule No. LO-1-R Los Osos Customer Service Area Residential Metered Service, Page 3	Revised No. 9829-W
Revised No. 9919-W	Schedule No. LO-RCW Los Osos District Recycled Water Service, Page 1	Revised No. 9693-W
Revised No. 9920-W	Schedule No. LO-RCW Los Osos District Recycled Water Service, Page 2	Revised No. 9796-W
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### **PURPOSE**

This advice letter submittal seeks to implement Escalation Year 2026 water rates, as authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), for the Los Osos CSA. GSWC's request is pursuant to Decision No. ("D.") 25-01-036, dated January 30, 2025 for General Rate Case Application No. 23-08-010.

Specifically, Ordering Paragraph No. 12 of the Decision states,

*12. For escalation year 2026 and 2027, Golden State Water Company shall file Tier 1 advice letters, in conformance with General Order 96-B and the Revised Water Rate Case Plan (Decision 07-05-062), proposing new revenue requirements and corresponding revised tariff schedules in each rate Los Osos and rate area in this proceeding, and in conformance with the Settlement Agreement and adopted estimated rates for each rate area as illustrated in the attached Appendices. This filing shall be subject to approval by the Commission's Water Division.*

### **RATE OF RETURN**

The following summary lists the Recorded, Authorized, Adjusted Authorized, and Pro-forma rates of return in GSWC's Los Osos CSA for twelve months ending September 2025. The pro forma rate of return is calculated in accordance with guidelines provided by the Water Division.

Recorded	7.46%
Authorized	7.93%
Adjusted Authorized	8.99%
Pro forma	7.60%

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 2026 water rate increase.

Detailed workpapers supporting the proposed rate increase and rate calculations are being supplied to the Commission Staff.

### **ADVICE LETTER PROJECTS**

The Parties to the Settlement Agreement adopted in D.25-01-036 agreed to 75 capital projects that GSWC may treat as Advice Letter Projects totaling \$75,887,649 for costs

incurred after December 31, 2022.<sup>1</sup> The 2023 GRC Capital Memorandum Account tracks accrued interest during the construction period for each Advice Letter Project at GSWC's adopted cost of debt until the assets are in service, and the full rate of return and applicable components of revenue requirement, such as depreciation and property taxes, for each project from the period the assets are in service to the date GSWC files its attrition year filings for 2026 and 2027. As authorized, when GSWC files its 2026 and 2027 attrition filings, the completed assets and the associated amounts recorded in the 2023 GRC Capital Memorandum Account shall be added to the adopted rate base, subject to Commission confirmation that the amounts were appropriately recorded in the 2023 GRC Capital Memorandum Account.

The Preliminary Statement for the 2023 GRC Capital Memorandum Account was approved in GSWC's Advice Letter No. 1957-W, pursuant to D. 25-01-036.

For the Los Osos CSA, GSWC is adding \$854,063 to rate base for the cost of the completed Advice Letter Project and \$149,800 for the associated balance in the 2023 GRC Capital Memorandum Account, which results in an addition to rate base of \$963,708 after adjustments for accumulated depreciation.

### **COMPLIANCE**

GSWC is filing this Tier 1 advice letter to implement rates for Escalation Year 2026. GSWC is authorized to increase rates in its Los Osos CSA by \$467,891 or 8.1%.

GSWC has computed the 2026 Escalation Year using the escalation methodology set forth in the Revised Rate Case Plan, the escalation factors as of October 2025, as published by the Public Advocates Office Water Branch, and the September 2025 CPI-U plus the addition of the advice letter projects authorized in D.25-01-036, as described above.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

As directed, the effective date of these revised tariffs shall be January 1, 2026.

### **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 each customer's first bill after the increase goes into effect to inform its Los Osos CSA 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.**

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<sup>1</sup> D.25-01-036 (Appendix A-Settlement Agreement, Section 3.2) at pp. 23-25

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.

The Water Division 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](mailto: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 the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Golden State Water Company at:

**Email Address:**

[regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com](mailto: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 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.

**REPLIES**

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by the Water Division 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,

/s/Ronald Moore

Ronald Moore

Regulatory Affairs Department

Golden State Water Company

c:     Wilson Tsai, CPUC - Water Division  
       Alex Pineda, CPUC - Water Division  
       Syreeta Gibbs, CPUC - Water Branch, Public Advocates Office  
       Victor Chan, CPUC - Water Branch, Public Advocates Office

Schedule No. LO-1-NR  
Los Osos District  
Non-Residential Metered Service

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered water services except those covered under Schedule No. LO-1-R, Residential Metered Service.

**TERRITORY**

Unincorporated areas south of the city of San Luis Obispo in the vicinity of Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

For all water delivered, per 100 cu. ft.	\$ 12.407	(I)
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Service Charges:

Per Meter  
Per Month

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$83.02	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	\$124.53	
For 1-inch meter	\$207.55	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	\$415.10	
For 2-inch meter	\$664.16	
For 3-inch meter	\$1,245.30	
For 4-inch meter	\$2,075.50	
For 6-inch meter	\$4,151.00	
For 8-inch meter	\$6,641.60	
For 10-inch meter	\$9,547.30	
Fire Sprinkler 6-inch to 3-inch	\$1,339.94	(I)

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

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Schedule No. LO-1-NR  
Los Osos District  
Non-Residential Metered Service

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
  2. 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.
  3. As authorized by Rule 9.1.e. for customers with more than one meter on a single service line, the customer's service charge rate is based on a factor multiplied by the service charge applicable to the nearest standard meter size of the combined meters as determined by the equivalent diameter methodology.
  4. Non-residential Sprinkler rates can be added as needed utilizing the multiplication factors identified in Appendix F of D. 16-12-067, applied to the 5/8" meter charge.
  5. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission in D.23-06-024, an amount of \$0.547 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 36-months, beginning on July 31, 2023. The surcharge will amortize the cumulative balance recorded in the Los Osos Groundwater Adjudication Memorandum Account as of September 30, 2020.
  6. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission in D.23-06-024, an amount of \$1.199 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 36-months, beginning on October 10, 2023. The surcharge recovers the difference between the interim rates and the final rates for the period of January 1, 2022 through July 30, 2023.
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7. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.858 per Ccf based on an 18-month amortization period, is to be added to the Quantity Rate, beginning on May 1, 2025 as indicated in Advice Letter 1958-W. The surcharge may be recalibrated annually, if necessary. This surcharge will recover the under collection in the WRAM/MCBA Balancing Account.
  8. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.720 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 24-months, beginning on February 1, 2025. The surcharge will amortize the cumulative balance recorded in the Los Osos Groundwater Adjudication Memorandum Account as of May 31, 2023.

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Schedule No. LO-1-NR  
Los Osos District  
Non-Residential Metered Service

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

9. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.914 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 12-months, beginning on February 1, 2025. The surcharge will amortize the cumulative balance recorded in the Los Osos Basin Management Memorandum Account as of May 31, 2023.
10. 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 February 1, 2025. The surcharge recovers the balance in the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin Memorandum Account.
11. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.006 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 General Ratemaking Area Balancing Account.
12. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.023 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 - COVID 19.
13. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.018 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 Public Safety Power Shut-Off Memorandum Account.
14. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.003 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 Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Memorandum Account.
15. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.016 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 2021 Water Conservation Memorandum Account.
16. 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.
17. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.243 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.

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Schedule No. LO-1-R  
Los Osos District  
Residential Metered Service

**APPLICABILITY**

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

**TERRITORY**

Unincorporated areas south of the city of San Luis Obispo in the vicinity of Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

Tier 1 - First 8 Ccf, per 100 cu. ft.	\$12.407	(I)
Tier 2 - Next 10 Ccf, per 100 cu. ft.	\$14.268	(I)
Tier 3 - Over 18 Ccf, per 100 cu. ft.	\$16.409	(I)

Service Charges:	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
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For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$54.36	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	\$81.54	
For 1-inch meter	\$135.90	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	\$271.80	
For 2-inch meter	\$434.88	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 5/8x 3/4-inch	\$56.53	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 3/4-inch	\$82.63	
Fire Sprinkler 1 1/2-inch to 3/4-inch	\$92.96	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 3/4-inch	\$97.30	
Fire Sprinkler 1 1/2-inch to 1-inch	\$146.77	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 1-inch	\$151.12	(I)

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Schedule No. LO-1-R  
Los Osos District  
Residential Metered Service

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
2. Residential customers are defined as all single-family customers with one dwelling unit that are individually metered.
3. 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.
4. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission in D.23-06-024, an amount of \$0.547 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 36-months, beginning on July 31, 2023. The surcharge will amortize the cumulative balance recorded in the Los Osos Groundwater Adjudication Memorandum Account as of September 30, 2020.
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Schedule No. LO-RCW  
Los Osos District  
Recycled Water Service

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered recycled water service for irrigation use, except those covered under Schedule No. LO-1-R and Schedule No. LO-1-NR.

**TERRITORY**

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