

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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January 15, 2026

Gladys Estrada
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Golden State Water Company
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Hello Gladys,

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has approved Golden State Water Company's – Sewer - Advice Letter No. 02-S, filed on December 18, 2025, regarding Update to Schedule No. UF (User Fee) 2026.

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets, effective January 1, 2026, for the utility's files:

P.U.C.	
Sheet No.	Title of Sheet
50-SS	Schedule No. UF, Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee, Sheet 1
51-SS	Table of Contents, Sheet 1

Please contact Alex Pineda at Alex.Pineda@cpuc.ca.gov, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures



December 18, 2025

Advice Letter No. 2-S

To the California Public Utilities Commission:

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) hereby transmits this Tier 1 advice letter requesting authority to revise the attached tariff sheets applicable to its sewer service to San Juan Oaks Customer Service Area.

<u>CPUC Sheet No</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
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See Attachment 1

In compliance with Resolution M-4879, this advice letter is submitted to revise Schedule No. UF, Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee as established by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Background

On December 18, 2025 the CPUC approved Resolution M-4879, which adopts the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account (PUCURA) user fees for Sewer System Corporations.

Currently, the user fee is 2.0% for water utilities and will increase to 4.5%, effective January 1, 2026. The tariff sheets submitted with this filing in Attachment 1, reflect the new user fee.

Effective Date

GSWC requests that the revised tariffs become effective on January 1, 2026, per Resolution M-4879.

Response or Protest

Anyone may respond to or protest 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 advice letter 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.

A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division (WD) within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a 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 by mail (or e-mail) to GSWC at the following address:

Golden State Water Company
Attn: Regulatory Affairs Department
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 WD, 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,

/s/ Gladys Estrada

Gladys Estrada

Regulatory Analyst

cc: Wilson Tsai – Water Division
Alex Pineda - Water Division
Syreeta Gibbs – Public Advocates
Victor Chan- Public Advocates

Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
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Schedule No. UF
Surcharge to Fund
Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee

APPLICABILITY

This surcharge applies to all sewer bills rendered under all tariff rate schedules authorized.

TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire San Juan Oaks territory served by the utility.

RATE

A 4.5% surcharge shall be added to all customer bills.

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* In 1982 the Legislature established a Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee to be paid by all water and sewer system corporations to fund their regulation by the Commission Public Utilities (PU) Code Sections 401-443. The surcharge to recover the cost of that fee is ordered by the Commission under authority granted by PU Code Section 433.

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Decision No. _____

Issued By
R. J. Sprowls
President

(To be inserted by P.U.C.)

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