CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name:	GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY	**Date Mailed to Service List:**	11/17/2026
District:	SANTA MARIA		
CPUC Utility #:	133 W	**Protest Deadline (20th Day):**	12/07/2026
Advice Letter #:	2008-W	**Review Deadline (30th Day):**	12/17/2026
Tier	☒1 ☐2 ☐3 ☒ Compliance	**Requested Effective Date:**	1/1/2027
Authorization	Decision No. 25-01-036	**Rate Impact:**	$1,451,280 6.0%
Description:	2027 Escalation Rates for Santa Maria		

The protest or response deadline for this advice letter is 20 days from the date that this advice letter was mailed to the service list. Please see the "Response or Protest" section in the advice letter for more information.

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DATE	STAFF	COMMENTS

[ ] APPROVED **[ ] WITHDRAWN** **[ ] REJECTED**

Signature: _____ **Comments:** _____

Date: _____

Golden State Water Company
A Subsidiary of American States Water Company

November 17, 2026

Advice Letter No. 2008-W **(U 133 W)**

To the California Public Utilities Commission:

Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") hereby transmits the attached tariff sheets applicable to its Santa Maria Customer Service Area ("CSA").

CPUC Sheet No	Title of Sheet	Canceling CPUC Sheet No.
	See Attachment 1	

These tariffs are submitted pursuant to General Order No. 96-B. Pursuant to General Order No. 96-B Water Industry Rule 7.3.2.(4), this advice letter is designated as a Tier 1 Advice Letter.

Purpose

GSWC is seeking authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to implement rates for Escalation Year 2027 and increase water rates in its Santa Maria CSA by $1,451,280 or 6.0% pursuant to Decision No. ("D.") 25-01-036, dated January 30, 2025, for General Rate Case Application No. 23-08-010.

Discussion

Ordering Paragraph No. 12 of the D.25-01-036 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 district 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.*

GSWC has computed the 2027 Escalation Year using the escalation methodology set forth in the Revised Rate Case Plan, the escalation factors as of October 2026 as published by the Public Advocates Office Water Branch, and the September 2026 CPI-U.

Rate of Return
The following summary lists the Recorded, Authorized, Adjusted Authorized, and Pro-forma rates of return in GSWC's Santa Maria CSA for twelve months ending September 2026. The pro forma rate of return is calculated in accordance with guidelines provided by the Water Division.

Recorded	8.52%
Authorized	7.93%
Adjusted Authorized	8.36%
Pro forma	7.89%

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 2027 water rate increase.

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 is a Tier 1 advice letter. GSWC is requesting this filing become effective January 1, 2027.

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 customers' water bills that are generated after the increase goes into effect.

Service List
In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3 and 7.2 and Water Industry Rule 4.1, a copy of this advice letter will be transmitted **electronically** to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification. **Please note that this advice letter is only being distributed electronically.**

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.

Water Division ("WD") 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 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: 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 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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Yvonne Pinedo
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Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
10156-W	Schedule No. SM-1-NR Santa Maria District Non-Residential Metered Service Sheet 1	10008-W
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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

Quantity Rates:		
For all water delivered, per 100 cu. ft.	$ 4.807	(I)
Service Charges:	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	$52.34	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	$78.51	
For 1-inch meter	$130.85	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	$261.70	
For 2-inch meter	$418.72	
For 3-inch meter	$785.10	
For 4-inch meter	$1,308.50	
For 6-inch meter	$2,617.00	
For 8-inch meter	$4,187.20	
For 10-inch meter	$6,019.10	
Fire Sprinkler 4-inch to 3-inch	$824.36	
Fire Sprinkler 6-inch to 2-inch	$660.53	
Fire Sprinkler 6-inch to 3-inch	$916.47	
Fire Sprinkler 8-inch to 2-inch	$710.78	(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-NR
Santa Maria District
Non-Residential Metered Service

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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1. Beginning January 1, 2026, as required by Section 792.5 of the Public Utilities Code, an increase in purchased water of $5.483/Ccf relative to the purchased water adopted by Decision No. 25-01-036 and a decrease in purchased power of $0.00023/kwh, relative to the purchased power adopted by approval of supply offset in Advice Letter 1965-W, and an associated revenue increase of 2.51%, are being tracked in a reserve account.

2. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of $0.2213 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 12-months, beginning on April 3, 2026. The surcharge recovers the balance in the M-WRAM and ICBA.

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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.	$4.807	(I)
Tier 2 – Next 28 Ccf, per 100 cu. ft.	$5.528	(I)
Tier 3 – Over 42 Ccf, per 100 cu. ft.	$6.357	(I)

Service Charges:	**Per Meter Per Month**	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	$43.32	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	$64.98	
For 1-inch meter	$108.30	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	$216.60	
For 2-inch meter	$346.56	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 5/8x 3/4-inch	$45.92	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 3/4-inch	$66.28	
Fire Sprinkler 1 ½-inch to 3/4-inch	$77.54	
Fire Sprinkler 1 ½-inch to 1-inch	$120.43	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 3/4-inch	$81.87	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 1-inch	$124.76	(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

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6. Beginning January 1, 2026, as required by Section 792.5 of the Public Utilities Code, an increase in purchased water of $5.483/Ccf relative to the purchased water adopted by Decision No. 25-01-036 and a decrease in purchased power of $0.00023/kwh, relative to the purchased power adopted by approval of supply offset in Advice Letter 1965-W, and an associated revenue increase of 2.51%, are being tracked in a reserve account.

7. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of $0.2213 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 12-months, beginning on April 3, 2026. The surcharge recovers the balance in the M-WRAM and ICBA.

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.	$ 3.950	(I)

Service Charges:	Per Meter Per Month	
For 3/4-inch meter	$149.05	(I)
For 1-inch meter	$167.55	(I)
For 3-inch meter	$394.12	(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

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