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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FILING BY GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
FOR THE SANTA MARIA CUSTOMER SERVICE AREA
TO INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER THE COSTS RELATED TO THE NIPOMO
SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PROJECT**

APPLICATION NO. 15-11-010

On November 16, 2015, Golden State Water Company (GSWC) filed its Nipomo Supplemental Water Project Application (A.15-11-010) (NSWP) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) seeking approval to increase rates for costs related to Phase 1 of the NSWP. The application proposes to increase rates by \$391,902 in Golden State’s Santa Maria customer service area, for the cost of the Phase 1 portion of the NSWP and as authorized in CPUC Decision 13-05-011. The CPUC ordered GSWC to file an application to request recovery of reasonable NSWP related capital costs, operation and maintenance costs and purchased water costs when recorded.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE NIPOMO SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PROJECT?

The NSWP secures water for the Nipomo Mesa area, which currently has inadequate access to water. When fully completed, the project will allow for 2,500 acre-feet of water per year to be imported to the Nipomo Mesa.

WHAT IS THE RATE IMPACT?

The tables below show the average monthly bill by customer class for metered customers, **excluding any applicable surcharges**, if the proposed application is approved by the CPUC:

Residential				Commercial			
Monthly Bill for a 5/8 x 3/4” meter using 18 CCF				Monthly Bill for a 5/8 x 3/4” meter using 17 CCF			
Current	Proposed	Dollar Increase	% Increase	Current	Proposed	Dollar Increase	% Increase
\$57.46	\$59.11	\$1.65	2.88%	\$55.26	\$56.86	\$1.60	2.90%
Industrial				Public Authority			
Monthly Bill for a 5/8 x 3/4” meter using 4 CCF				Monthly Bill for a 2” meter using 531 CCF			
Current	Proposed	Dollar Increase	% Increase	Current	Proposed	Dollar Increase	% Increase
\$27.20	\$28.00	\$0.80	2.93%	\$1294.46	\$1331.78	\$37.32	2.88%

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE APPLICATION

A copy of GSWC’s Application No. 15-11-010, and related exhibits, may be reviewed at GSWC’s Santa Maria Customer Service Area Office located at 2330 A St., Unit A, Santa Maria, California 93455, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The application may also be reviewed at the CPUC’s Central Files Office by appointment by contacting ALJcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or 415-703-2045.

If you need additional information, you may visit www.gswater.com or call GSWC's 24-hour Customer Service Center; toll free, at 1-800-999-4033, TTY 1-877-933-9533.

CPUC PROCESS

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents, necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary Hearings (EHs) may be held where utilities, consumer advocacy groups, and other entities which have been given official status as "parties," will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are parties may participate. The hearings and documents submitted in the proceeding become part of the formal record. The Judge relies upon the formal record when writing a proposed decision to present to the Commissioners for their consideration.

After considering all proposals and all evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision, determining whether to adopt GSWC's request, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled Commission Voting Meeting.

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) may review this application. ORA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. ORA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about ORA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail ora@cpuc.ca.gov or visit ORA's website at www.ora.ca.gov.

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505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

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1-866-836-7825 (toll-free) or TTY 1-415-703-5282

Please reference **GSWC's Application No. 15-11-010** in any communications you have with the Commission regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review for the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY