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**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY'S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
REQUESTING TO INCREASE RATES
SANTA MARIA SERVICE AREA
(APPLICATION NO. 20-07-012)**

On July 15, 2020, Golden State Water Company (GSWC) filed what is known as a “General Rate Case” (GRC) application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application filing by GSWC requests to increase rates over a three-year period, covering the years 2022 through 2024. This request to increase rates would be effective January 1, 2022.

In this application, GSWC is requesting to consolidate its Los Osos and Santa Maria Customer Service Areas under a new Coastal Region consolidated rate structure for both its residential and non-residential customers.

Why is GSWC requesting this rate increase?

The CPUC requires GSWC to submit a GRC application every three-years. The table below shows the annual changes in the revenue requirement requested by GSWC for the stand alone and the special request for the Coastal Consolidation of Los Osos and Santa Maria districts.

	Increase 2022		Increase 2023		Increase 2024		Total Increase	
Santa Maria	\$1,533,400	10.05%	\$498,100	2.91%	\$556,000	3.10%	\$2,587,500	16.06%
Coastal Consolidated	\$2,317,700	12.06%	\$682,300	3.12%	\$755,300	3.30%	\$3,755,300	18.48%

The purpose of this GRC is for GSWC to cover its anticipated costs from 2022 through 2024 for improvements to the water supply system, depreciation expense, purchased power, pension and benefits expense and operating services from central location (such as customer service, water quality and environmental, etc.)

How could this affect my monthly bill?

Consolidated Rate Structure Bill Impact

Under GSWC’s proposal to consolidate rates in the Santa Maria and Los Osos service areas, the effect to the average residential customer in Santa Maria with a 5/8 x 3/4” meter using 14 Ccf would see a monthly bill increase of \$10.07 (or 15.68%), from \$64.21 to \$74.28 in 2022. In 2023 the average residential customer would see a monthly bill increase of \$2.81 (or 3.78%), from \$74.28 to \$77.09, and a monthly bill increase of \$3.10 (or 4.02%), from \$77.09 to \$80.19 in 2024, **excluding any applicable surcharges.**

Stand-alone Bill Impact

If the proposed application is approved by the CPUC, the average residential customer with a 5/8 x 3/4” meter using 14 Ccf would see a monthly bill increase of \$6.80 (or 10.59%), from \$64.21 to \$71.01 in 2022. In 2023 the average residential customer would see a monthly bill increase of \$2.04 (or 2.87%), from \$71.01 to \$73.05, and a monthly bill increase of \$2.27 (or 3.11%), from \$73.05 to \$75.32 in 2024, **excluding any applicable surcharges.**

How does the rest of the process work?

This application will be assigned to a judge, who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt GSWC's application, 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 by the CPUC Commissioners.

The Public Advocates Office may review this application. The Public Advocates Office is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a statutory mandate to represent customers of investor-owned utilities to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with safe and reliable service and the state's environmental policy goals. For more information, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact GSWC

- View GSWC's Application and related exhibits:
<https://www.gswater.com/2022-24grc>
- Contact GSWC's 24-hour Customer Service Center at:
1-800-999-4033 (toll-free) or TTY 1-877-933-9533
- Contact via email at:
customerservice@gswater.com
- Contact via mail at:
Golden State Water Company
Attention: Regulatory Affairs Department
630 East Foothill Boulevard
San Dimas, CA 91773

Contact the CPUC

You may also get information regarding this proceeding by contacting the CPUC:

- If you would like to make a comment, please visit cpuc.ca.gov/A2007012Comments to submit a comment on the CPUC Docket Card. You can also view other public comments related to this rate request.
- If you have questions about the CPUC process, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office via:

Phone: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**
1-866-836-7825 (toll-free) or TTY 1-415-703-5282

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Please reference **GSWC's GRC Application No. 20-07-012** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY