

The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 16  
The Sea Ranch, CA 95497

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy via first class United States mail and electronic mail of the following document, The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc. Advice Letter No. 101, upon the California Public Utilities Commission as shown on the Service List attached hereto, a copy thereof properly addressed to each party. Additionally, I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy via first class United States mail of the following document, The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc. Advice Letter No. 101, upon all additional parties as shown on the Service List attached hereto, a copy thereof properly addressed to each party.

Executed in The Sea Ranch, California on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

  
Kathleen Ciabatti  
Finance and Customer Service Specialist

**The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 16**  
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**THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY, INC.**  
**ADVICE LETTER No. 101**  
**SERVICE LIST**  
**(AS PER SECTIONS 4.3 AND 7.2 OF GENERAL ORDER No. 96-B)**

Via First Class United States Mail and Email

Rami Khalon, Director  
Division of Water and Audits  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Via First Class United States Mail  
Without Attachments

North Gualala Water Company  
P.O. Box 1000  
Gualala, CA 95445

Point Arena Water Works, Inc.  
P.O. Box 205  
Point Arena, CA 95468



**THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY, INC.**  
**Sonoma County**

December 18, 2019

ADVICE LETTER No. 101

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY (TSRWC) hereby transmits for filing one original and one copy each of the following tariffs schedules which are attached hereto:

<u>CPUC SHEET No.</u>	<u>TITLE OF SHEET</u>	<u>CANCELING CPUC SHEET No.</u>
461-W	Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service	440-W
462-W	Schedule No 3, Irrigation Service	441-W
463-W	Schedule No. 1-A General Metered Service Outside Users	442-W
464-W	Schedule No. 3-A Irrigation Service - Outside Users	443-W
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The present rates of TSRWC became effective on November 2, 2017, through Advice letter No. 95, which approved a Consumer Price Index Increase of \$51,120 for year 2016. The last general rate increase was effective on October 11, 2012 pursuant to Resolution No.W-4931, which authorized a general rate increase of \$697,677 or 57.08% for test year 2012, an increase of \$577,647 or 30.09% for escalation year 2013, and a revenue decrease of \$63,415 or -2.54% for escalation year 2014.

**Background**

These tariffs are submitted pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Decision No. 92-03-093, dated March 31, 1992, Ordering Paragraph No. 2 of Resolution (Res) W-4493, dated September 2, 2004, or Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Res. W-4540, dated June 16, 2005. The decision and Resolutions authorize Class B, C and D water utilities and sewer utilities to file a request for a Consumer Price Index increase once a year by Advice Letter. The increased cost is to be passed on to the utility's customers in their quantity rate as well as service charge rates. The above referenced decisions and resolutions authorize TSRWC to file the attached rate schedules and to concurrently withdraw and cancel its present schedules for such service.

TSRWC respectfully requests permission to increase the present monthly quantity and service charge rates by \$47,222 or 1.9% for year 2018. Work papers justifying this rate increase have been provided to the CPUC Division of Water and Audits staff.

**Requested Effective Date**

This filing is a Tier 1 advice letter and may be effective the date of filing. TSRWC respectfully requests an effective date of December 18, 2019 for Advice Letter No. 101.

**Notice**

In compliance with Section 4.3 of General Order No. 96-B, a copy of this advice letter has been mailed to all parties listed on the enclosed service list. In conformance with Ordering Paragraph No. 3 of Resolution No. W-4664, TSRWC will provide notice to its customers of the increase in dollar and percentage terms with the first bill that includes the increase.

This filing is made under the provisions of General Order No. 96-B.

This filing will not cause withdrawal of service nor conflict with any other schedule or rule.

**Response or Protest**

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. 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 advice letter;
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter 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 advice letter contain material error or omissions;
- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the advice letter is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a Prior order of the Commission).

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 within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
E-Mail: [water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water_division@cpuc.ca.gov)


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 by mail or e-mail to us, addressed to:

The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 16  
The Sea Ranch, CA 95497  
Fax No. (707) 785-3555

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. Each reply must be received by the Division of Water and Audits within five business days after the end of the protest period, and shall be served on the same day to the person who filed the protest or response.

The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc.

By   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank Bell  
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments

Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service

TERRITORY

The area known as The Sea Ranch, and vicinity, located approximately 7 miles southeast of Gualala, Sonoma County.

RATES

Quantity Rates

All water, per 100 gallons..... \$ 1.90 (I)

<u>Service charge :</u>	<u>Per Meter</u>	
	<u>Per Bi-Monthly Period</u>	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 121.22	(I)
For 1-inch meter for fire sprinkler.....	151.53	
For 3/4-inch meter.....	181.83	
For 1-inch meter.....	303.05	
For 2-inch meter for fire suppression.....	379.42	
For 1-1/2-inch meter.....	606.10	
For 2-inch meter.....	969.76	
For 3-inch meter.....	1,818.30	
For 4-inch meter.....	3,030.51	(I)

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Any customer prior to resuming service within twelve months after such service was discontinued will be required to pay all service charges that would have been billed if service had not been discontinued.
2. All bills shall be subject to the Plant Replacement Fee set forth in Schedule R.
3. Any service to a residential customer who requires a 1-inch meter only because of fire flow requirements for a fire sprinkler system will be billed at the above 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter service charge plus a 25% surcharge.
4. Any service to a residential customer who requires a 2-inch meter only because of fire flow requirements for fire suppression will be billed at the above 1-inch meter service charge plus a 25% surcharge.

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Schedule No. 3  
IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all irrigation service **except for use beyond the service area.**

TERRITORY

The area known as The Sea Ranch, and vicinity, located approximately 7 miles southeast of Gualala, Sonoma County.

RATES

Quantity Rate:

For each 100 gallons..... \$ 1.342 (I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Irrigation service is interruptible at the discretion of the utility.
2. The customer shall bear all costs for the irrigation service and meter installation, including backflow prevention devices if required. The service and equipment shall become the property of the utility upon commencement of deliveries.
3. Any customer prior to resuming service within twelve months after such service was discontinued will be required to pay all minimum charges which would have been billed if service had not been discontinued.
4. The established billing cycle is bi-monthly.
5. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF and Plant Replacement fee set forth in Schedule R.
6. Service under this Schedule will not be provided for water use beyond the service area of the Utility. Customers using water beyond the service area must take service under Schedule No. 3-A "Irrigation Service-Outside Users".

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Schedule No. 1-A

GENERAL METERED SERVICE – OUTSIDE USERS

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service for use beyond the service area.

TERRITORY

The area known as The Sea Ranch, and vicinity, located approximately 7 miles southeast of Gualala, Sonoma County.

RATES

Quantity Rates

All water, per 100 gallons..... \$ 1.90 (I)

<u>Service charge :</u>	<u>Per Meter</u>	
	<u>Per Bi-Monthly Period</u>	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 121.22	(I)
For 1-inch meter for fire sprinkler.....	151.53	
For 3/4-inch meter.....	181.83	
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For 3-inch meter .....	1,818.30	
For 4-inch meter .....	3,030.51	(I)

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Any customer prior to resuming service within twelve months after such service was discontinued will be required to pay all service charges that would have been billed if service had not been discontinued.
2. All bills shall be subject to the Plant Replacement Fee set forth in Schedule R.
3. Any service to a residential customer who requires a 1-inch meter only because of fire flow requirements for a fire sprinkler system will be billed at the above 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter service charge plus a 25% surcharge.
4. Any service to a residential customer who requires a 2-inch meter only because of fire flow requirements for fire suppression will be billed at the above 1-inch meter service charge plus a 25% surcharge.

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Schedule No. 3-A  
IRRIGATION SERVICE – OUTSIDE USERS

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all irrigation service for use beyond the service area.

TERRITORY

The area known as The Sea Ranch, and vicinity, located approximately 7 miles southeast of Gualala, Sonoma County.

RATES

Quantity Rate:

For each 100 gallons..... \$ 1.342 (I)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Irrigation service is interruptible at the discretion of the utility.
2. The customer shall bear all costs for the irrigation service and meter installation, including backflow prevention devices if required. The service and equipment shall become the property of the utility upon commencement of deliveries.
3. Any customer prior to resuming service within twelve months after such service was discontinued will be required to pay all minimum charges which would have been billed if service had not been discontinued.
4. The established billing cycle is bi-monthly.
5. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF and Plant Replacement fee set forth in Schedule R.
6. The Utility, in its sole discretion, may discontinue service under this Schedule by providing the customer with 180 days notice.
7. The Utility may discontinue service under this Schedule to any customer who materially increases its water usage by providing the customer with 90 days notice.
8. This Schedule is closed to new applicants effective February 10, 2010.

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THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY, INC.

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Summary of Earnings

Year 2018

	Adopted Res. No. W-4931 (a)	Advice Letter No. 95 CPI (b)	Total Adopted Rates (c) (a+b)	Actual 2018 (d)	CPI Increase at 1.9% (e) (c x 1.9%)	After CPI Increased Revenue (f) (d+e)
<b>Operating Revenue</b>						
Metered Water Revenue	2,431,485	51,061	2,482,546	2,373,304	47,168	2,420,472
Irrigation Revenue	2,782	58	2,840	7,322	54	7,376
Other Water Revenue	0	0	0	20,158	0	20,158
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,434,267</b>	<b>51,119</b>	<b>2,485,386</b>	<b>2,400,784</b>	<b>47,222</b>	<b>2,448,006</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
Purchased Power	46,719		46,719	78,234		78,234
Other Volume Related Expenses	15,571		15,571	23,392		23,392
Employee Labor	290,018		290,018	260,906		260,906
Materials	4,385		4,385	2,830		2,830
Contract Work	57,280		57,280	13,810		13,810
Transportation Expense	23,231		23,231	24,415		24,415
Other Plant Maintenance Expenses	52,266		52,266	90,933		90,933
Office Salaries	37,643		37,643	60,364		60,364
Management Salaries	91,258		91,258	209,787		209,787
Employee Pensions and Benefits	84,638		84,638	122,301		122,301
Uncollectibles Expense	1,552		1,552	4		4
Office Services and Rentals	12,170		12,170	24,520		24,520
Office Supplies and Expenses	28,886		28,886	54,620		54,620
Professional Services	23,047		23,047	21,122		21,122
Insurance	122,934		122,934	135,396		135,396
Regulatory Commission Expense	10,000		10,000	3,250		3,250
General Expense	39,897		39,897	68,941		68,941
Depreciation	195,622		195,622	234,980		234,980
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	143,032		143,032	188,908		188,908
Income Taxes	280,242		280,242	118,389		118,389
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,560,391</b>		<b>1,560,391</b>	<b>1,737,102</b>		<b>1,737,102</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>873,876</b>		<b>924,995</b>	<b>663,682</b>		<b>710,904</b>
<b>Average Rate Base:</b>						
Water Plant In Service	16,186,457		16,186,457	18,966,537		18,966,537
Less:						0
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,471,039)		(4,471,039)	(5,977,061)		(5,977,061)
Advances for Construction	0		0	0		0
CIAC	(4,590,566)		(4,590,566)	(4,655,133)		(4,655,133)
Accum. Deferred Income Taxes	(109,448)		(109,448)	(454,999)		(454,999)
Plus:						
Materials	0		0	0		0
Working Cash	162,919		162,919	199,231		199,231
Construction Work in Progress	419,134		419,134	42,224		42,224
<b>Adopted Rate Base Res. W-4931</b>	<b>7,597,457</b>		<b>7,597,457</b>	<b>8,120,798</b>		<b>8,120,798</b>
<b>Authorized Rate of Return</b>	<b>11.50%</b>		<b>11.50%</b>	<b>8.17%</b>		<b>8.75%</b>

**THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY, INC.**  
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**Financial Information**

**Estimated 2019 Annual Revenue**

Recorded 2018 Water Revenue	\$ 2,400,784
Revenue Increase: (\$2,485,386 x 1.9%)	47,222
Estimated 2019 Revenue	<u>2,448,006</u>

**Actual Expenses for Calendar Year 2018**

(Excluding Other Income and Other Expenses)	<u>\$ 1,737,102</u>
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**Average Rate Base - Year 2018**

\$ 8,120,798

**THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY, INC.**  
**Advice Letter No. 101**  
**Average Rate Base Calculation**  
**Year 2018**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Average</u>
Water Plant in Service	\$18,923,494	\$19,009,579	\$18,966,537
Less:			
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(5,795,428)</u>	<u>(6,158,694)</u>	<u>(5,977,061)</u>
<b>Net Plant</b>	<b>13,128,066</b>	<b>12,850,885</b>	<b>12,989,476</b>
Less:			
Advances for Construction	0	0	0
Net CIAC	(4,720,553)	(4,589,713)	(4,655,133)
Accum. Deferred Income Taxes	(454,999)	(454,999)	(454,999)
Plus:			
Materials and Supplies	0	0	0
CWIP	53,096	31,352	42,224
Working Cash	<u>199,324</u>	<u>199,138</u>	<u>199,231</u>
 <b>Rate Base</b>	 <b><u>8,204,934</u></b>	 <b><u>8,036,663</u></b>	 <b><u>8,120,798</u></b>