

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

**Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

Utility Name: THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY, INC.      Date Mailed to Service List: 08/14/20

District:

CPUC Utility #: WTC - 126      Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day): 09/03/20

Advice Letter #: 105      Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day): 09/13/20

Tier    1    2    3     Compliance      Requested Effective Date: 10/01/20

Authorization    Resolution M-4841      Rate Impact: \$0

Description:    2020 CPUC Reimbursement Fee      0%

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.

Utility Contact: Ellen Buechner  
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Utility Contact: Marino Rodriguez  
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DWA Contact: Tariff Unit  
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Email: [Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov)

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**P.O. Box 16  
The Sea Ranch, CA 95468  
(707) 785-2444**

August 14, 2020

ADVICE LETTER No. 105

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>
492-W	Schedule No. UF	459-W
493-W	Table of Contents	491-W

The present rates of TSRWC became effective on December 18, 2019, through Advice letter No. 101, which approved a Consumer Price Index Increase of \$47,222 for year 2018. 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.

**Summary**

The Sea Ranch Water Company is filing this Advice Letter to adopt the surcharge rate to fund the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee pursuant to Resolution (Res.) M-4841 issued July 17, 2020.

**Background**

By Res. M-4841, the Commission authorized the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account User Fees that will become effective October 1, 2020.

As indicated in Res. M-4841, the Water and Sewer user fee rate which was previously 1.23% will be 1.43% effective October 1, 2020.

**Requested Effective Date**

This filing is a Tier 1 advice letter per General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1 (3). TSRWC respectfully requests an effective date of October 1, 2020 for Advice Letter No. 105.

### 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)

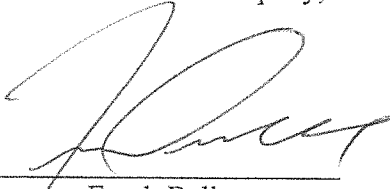
On the same day the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail or e-mail to us, addressed to:

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. UF

SURCHARGE TO FUND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REIMBURSEMENT FEE

APPLICABILITY

This surcharge applies to all water and sewer bills rendered under all tariff rate schedules authorized by the Commission, with the exception of resale rate schedules where the customer is a public utility.

TERRITORY

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

RATES

A 1.43% surcharge shall be added to all customer bills. (I)

In 1982 the Legislature established the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee to be paid by utilities to fund their regulation by the Commission (Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 401-443). The surcharge to recover the cost of that fee is ordered by the Commission under the authority granted by the PU Code Section 433.

(To be inserted by utility)

Issued by

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

Advice Letter No. 105

Ellen Buechner

Date Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name

CFO

Title

Effective \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

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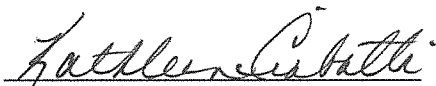
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The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 16  
The Sea Ranch, CA 95497

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. 104-A, 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. 105, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.



Kathleen Ciabatti  
Finance and Customer Service Specialist

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

**THE SEA RANCH WATER COMPANY, INC.**  
**ADVICE LETTER No. 105**  
**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