

**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: 06/18/21

District: \_\_\_\_\_

CPUC Utility #: WTC - 126      Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day): 07/08/21

Advice Letter #: 109      Review Deadline (30<sup>th</sup> Day): 07/18/21

Tier     1     2     3     Compliance      Requested Effective Date: 07/01/21

   Compliance with Water Director

Authorization June 16, 2021 Letter      Rate Impact: \$0

Description: Extension of Emergency Disaster Customer      0%

   Protections – COVID19

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

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

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

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

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

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

June 18, 2021

ADVICE LETTER No. 109

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:

**Summary**

This advice letter is filed in compliance with California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Water Division Director Terence Shia's June 16, 2021 Letter to Class A, B, C, and D Water and Sewer utilities directing all water and sewer utilities to extend the Emergency Customer Protections through September 30, 2021 and keep the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA – COVID-19) open through September 30, 2021.

**Background**

On March 17, 2021, the CPUC's Executive Director issued a letter to all Class C, D Water and Sewer utilities directing them to file a Tier 1 Advice Letter indicating that the utility has extended the Emergency Customer Protections previously requested in the March 26, 2020 Executive Director's letter to June 30, 2021, and also to extend appropriate memorandum accounts to June 30, 2021. By the Governor's Executive Order N-08-21 water systems across California were ordered not to discontinue service to customers for non-payment of bills and to extend Emergency Customer Protections through September 30, 2021.

To protect the Public Health and in compliance with the Water Division Directors June 16, 2021 letter, TSRWC will extend the following customer protections and appropriate memorandum account to September 30, 2021.

1. Suspending disconnection of water service for customers as well as waiving late fees for bills due during the public health crises.
2. TSRWC customer service representatives shall work with customers who contact TSRWC and advise that, due to COVID-19, they are having difficulty paying their bills.

**Requested Effective Date**

This filing is a Tier 1 advice letter and is effective the date of filing. TSRWC respectfully requests approval of AL - 109 be July 1, 2021.

**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  
Phone No. (707) 785-2444

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   
Jennifer Merchant  
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments

**The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 16**  
**The Sea Ranch, CA 95468**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy via and electronic mail of the following document, The Sea Ranch Water Company, Inc. Advice Letter No. 109, 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. 109, 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 18th day of June, 2021.



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Ellen Buechner  
Chief Financial Officer