

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Great Oaks Water Company

Date Mailed to Service List: 5/12/2022

District: NA

CPUC Utility #: U-162-W

Protest Deadline (20th Day): 6/1/2022

Advice Letter #: 307-W

Review Deadline (30th Day): 6/11/2022

Tier 1 X 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: 7/1/2022

April 26, 2022 E-Mail Ruling in
A.21-07-001 Authorizing Interim

Authorization Rates by Tier 1 Advice Letter

Rate Impact: \$1,580,458
7.27%%

Description: Request to increase rates to include new and higher groundwater charges (pump taxes) and establish the new rates as interim rates for A.21-07-001.

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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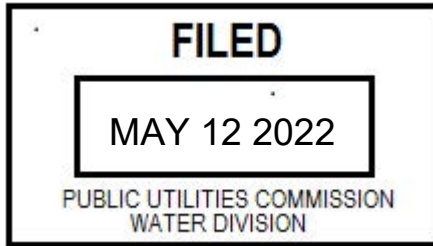
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GREAT OAKS WATER COMPANY



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**Advice Letter 307-W
Great Oaks Water Company (U-162-W) to the California Public
Utilities Commission Requesting Rate Increase Due to Increased
Groundwater Charges and Establishment of Interim Rates**

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) transmits this Tier 1 advice letter establishing a change in base rates to pass-through additional groundwater charges (aka, pump taxes) being imposed upon Great Oaks by the Santa Clara Valley Water District effective July 1, 2022. The new rates will be effective July 1, 2022 and will serve as interim rates during the time period necessary for the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to issue a final decision in Great Oaks' 2021 General Rate Case proceeding (A.21-07-001). Great Oaks has received authority from the Administrative Law Judge assigned to A.21-07-001 to establish interim rates via Tier 1 advice letter.¹

¹<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M471/K485/471485035.PDF>.

The following changes in tariff schedules applicable to Great Oaks entire service area are proposed:

CPUC Sheet No.	Title of Tariff Sheet	Canceling Sheet No.
984-W	Schedule No. 1 General Metered Service	961-W
985-W	Schedule No. 1 Tiered Rates	951-W
986-W	Schedule No. 1 Special Conditions	963-W
987-W	Schedule No. 3M Irrigation Service	964-W
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989-W	Schedule No. 6 Contract Resale Service	966-W
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Summary of Advice Letter 307-W

On May 10, 2022, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) increased the groundwater charges levied upon Great Oaks’ groundwater production. A copy of the Valley Water Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The higher groundwater charges are effective July 1, 2022, the same date that Great Oaks’ Test Year begins for its General Rate Case Application 21-07-001.

By an E-Mail Ruling filed April 26, 2022, the Commission authorized Great Oaks to establish interim rates for the period beginning July 1, 2022 for the reason that “it is unlikely that a final Commission decision will be issued by July 1, 2022.”²

The increase in groundwater charges is being included in interim rates because such charges are pass-through costs and will be included in the rates established by the Commission’s Decision in A.21-07-001. The increase in the groundwater charges is substantial and must be included in rates effective July 1, 2022 to better enable Great Oaks to pay the higher groundwater charges and to reduce the amount of any surcharge necessary to recover the

² *Id.*

difference between the interim rates and the final rates approved by the Commission for A.21-07-001.³

In 2021, the Water Division of the Commission requested that instead of recovering increased costs due to the higher pump taxes levied by Valley Water through a surcharge, Great Oaks should request the additional cost recovery through a change in base rates. This Advice Letter 307-W complies with that Water Division’s request.

Great Oaks Advice Letter 300-W-A established rates for the 2021/2022 rate year. The amount of groundwater charges included in the Advice Letter 300-W-A rate calculations was \$11,061,002. The groundwater charges in effect from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 are \$1,499.00 per Acre Foot (AF) in Zone W-2 and \$528.50 per AF in Zone W-7. The adopted percentage of water in the two Zones, per D.19-09-010, is 56% Zone W-2 and 44% Zone W-7.

With the upcoming increase in groundwater charges, and using the same adopted quantities and percentages for the current 2021-2022 rate year established through Advice Letter 299-W-A and D.10-09-010, the total amount of groundwater charges projected for the 2022/2023 rate year has increased by \$\$1,545,278, as shown in the table below. The new, higher groundwater charges represent an increase of 15% in Zone W-2 and an increase of 10.2% in Zone W-7.

Calculation of Total Groundwater Charges

Zone	Adopted % of Water Production	Groundwater Charge (AF)	Totals
W-2	56%	\$1,724.00	\$965.44
W-7	44%	\$582.50	\$256.30
	100%		\$1,221.74
Adopted Quantity	10,318 AF	\$1,221.74	\$12,606,280

The increase in groundwater charges also results in increases in Account 775 Uncollectible Expenses (increase of \$3,570, from \$41,303 to \$44,873) and in Account 796 Franchise Requirements (increase of \$31,609, from \$434,769 to \$466,378). The total increase in the revenue requirement resulting from the increase in groundwater charges is \$1,580,458, from \$21,738,457 (Advice Letter 300-W-A) to \$23,318,915 (Advice Letter 307-W). This represents an increase in the revenue requirement of 7.27% over the revenue requirement of Advice Letter 300-W-A. The entire increase is the result of Valley Water’s higher groundwater charges.

³ Great Oaks is filing a separate Tier 1 advice letter to establish the Interim Rates Memorandum Account also authorized in the April 26, 2022 E-Mail Ruling.

Other Pending Advice Letter

At the time of this filing, Great Oaks has no other pending advice letters. Great Oaks will be filing Advice Letter 308-W to establish the authorized Interim Rates Memorandum Account, but that filing will have no effect on the requests made in Advice Letter 307-W.

Effects on Average Customer Bills

The effect of the new and higher pump tax on the bill of an average single-family residential customer with a 3/4" x 3/4" meter using 10 CCF of water per month is -\$0.50 (-0.35%) per bimonthly bill, as shown in the following table taken from the Exhibit B Workpapers, page WP-4. The expiration of tow (2) M-WRAM surcharges are included in the AL 307-W bill comparison.

Bill Comparison							
Average Single Family Residential Customer with 3/4" x 3/4" Meter Using 10 ccf per Month							
Includes elimination of two M-WRAM Surcharges from AL 307-W Rates							
At AL 300-W-A Rates				At AL 307-W Rates			
Item	Amount	Units	Total	Item	Amount	Units	Total
Monthly Service Charge	\$24.84	2	\$49.68	Monthly Service Charge	\$25.12	2	\$50.24
Tier 1	\$2.4815	12	\$29.78	Tier 1	\$2.7599	12	\$33.12
Tier 2	\$4.2825	8	\$34.26	Tier 2	\$4.7629	8	\$38.10
M-WRAM Surcharges (4)	\$0.9547	20	\$19.09	M-WRAM Surcharges (2)	\$0.5437	20	\$10.87
CAP Surcharge	\$0.1203	20	\$2.41	CAP Surcharge	\$0.1208	20	\$2.42
Subtotal			\$135.22	Subtotal			\$134.75
CPUC Fee	1.43%		\$1.93	CPUC Fee	1.43%		\$1.93
Subtotal			\$137.15	Subtotal			\$136.68
SJ Utility Tax	5.00%		\$6.86	SJ Utility Tax	5.00%		\$6.83
Total			\$144.01	Total			\$143.51
				Increase	-\$0.50		
				Percentage	-0.35%		

No Effect on Water Service

This Advice Letter filing will not cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

Effective Date – July 1, 2022

The base (interim) rates established through this Advice Letter become effective July 1, 2022.

Tier Designation

This is a Tier 1 Advice Letter pursuant to General Order 96-B and Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(7).

Notice and Service

Notice was provided by publishing a legal notice in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C in the San Jose Mercury News, a newspaper of local circulation, pursuant to General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 3.1. Proof of publication will be provided to the Commission when Great Oaks receives such proof from the newspaper. This Advice Letter is also being served upon the Distribution List provided below.

Protests and Responses

Anyone may protest and respond to 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 specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds may be based upon the following:

(1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the Advice Letter;
or

(2) The relief requested in the Advice Letter would violate a statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies; or

(3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the Advice Letter contain material error or omissions; or

(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 re-litigating a prior order of the Commission).

Any Protest or Response must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division of the Commission within 20 days of the date this Advice Letter is filed. The Advice Letter process does not provide for any Protests, Responses or other comments, except for a reply by Great Oaks, after the 20-day comment period expires. The address for mailing or delivering a Protest or Response is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date any Protest or Response is submitted to the Water Division, the protesting or responding person, entity or party must serve a copy of the Protest or Response on Great Oaks addressed to Timothy S.

Guster, Great Oaks Water Co., PO Box 23490, San Jose, CA 95153, 408-227-9540, 408 227-7126 (fax), email: tguster@greatoakswater.com.

Great Oaks Water Company

/s/

Timothy S. Guster
General Counsel
Legal and Regulatory Affairs

VERIFICATION

I am an officer of the Great Oaks Water Company and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. The statements in the foregoing document, Great Oaks Water Co.'s Advice supplemental Letter 307-W, are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters that are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 12, 2022 at San Jose, California.

/s/

Timothy S. Guster

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of Great Oaks Water Co.'s supplemental Advice Letter 307-W on the parties listed on the following Distribution List by mailing a properly addressed copy by email (designated (e)) or first class mail with postage prepaid. Workpapers are available upon request.

Executed on May 12, 2022 at San Jose, California.

/s/

Timothy S. Guster

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Great Oaks Water Company
Advice Letter 307-W

Proposed Tariff Sheets

Schedule No. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The area is Southeast San Jose, East of Snell Road and South of Hellyer Park.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	Per Meter Per Month	
For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. Ft.	\$ 3.8818	(I)
<u>Service Charge:</u>		
For 5/8x3/4-inch meter	\$ 16.74	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	25.12	(I)
For 1-inch meter	41.86	(I)
For 1 1/2-inch meter	83.72	(I)
For 2-inch meter	133.95	(I)
For 3-inch meter	251.16	(I)
For 4-inch meter	418.60	(I)
For 6-inch meter	837.20	(I)
For 8-inch meter	1,339.53	(I)
For 10-inch meter	1,925.57	(I)
For 12-inch meter	2,762.78	(I)

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

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Schedule No. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

Tiered Rates

Designed and Ordered by the California Public Utilities Commission

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all single-family residential services only.

TERRITORY

The area is Southeast San Jose, East of Snell Road and South of Hellyer Park.

RATES

Quantity Rates (Tiered Rates):	Per Meter/Per Month	
For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. Ft.		
For total bi-monthly usage from 0 to 6 Ccf.	\$ 2.7599	(I)
For total bi-monthly usage above 7 to 24 Ccf.	4.7629	(I)
For total bi-monthly usage over 24 Ccf.	5.6558	(I)
 Service Charge (Conservation Rates):		
For 5/8x3/4-inch meter	\$ 16.74	(I)
For 3/4x3/4-inch meter	25.12	(I)
For 1-inch meter	41.86	(I)
For 1 1/2-inch meter	83.72	(I)
For 2-inch meter	133.95	(I)
For 3-inch meter	251.16	(I)
For 4-inch meter	418.60	(I)
For 6-inch meter	837.20	(I)
For 8-inch meter	1,339.53	(I)
For 10-inch meter	1,925.57	(I)
For 12-inch meter	2,762.42	(I)

The Service Charge is a 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.

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Schedule No. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE
(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
2. To provide ongoing funding for the Utility's Low-Income Customer Assistance Program (LICAP), as described in Tariff Rule 22, a surcharge of \$0.1208 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all water delivered to non-LICAP participants on and after July 1, 2021. (I)
(D)
3. To amortize the balance in the Utility's Monterey-Style WRAM account, a surcharge of \$0.2716 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all single-family residential customers for a period of two years beginning July 21, 2020. (L)
(D)
(D)
(D)
4. To amortize the balance in the Utility's Monterey-Style WRAM account, a surcharge of \$0.2178 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all single-family residential customers for a period of twelve months beginning May 10, 2021. (L)

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Schedule No. 3M
IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The area in Southeast San Jose, East of Snell Road and South of Hellyer Park.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	Per Meter Per Month	
For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. Ft.	\$ 3.8818	(I)
Service Charge:		
For 2-inch meter	\$ 133.95	(I)
For 3-inch meter	251.16	(I)
For 4-inch meter	418.60	(I)
For 6-inch meter	837.20	(I)
For 8-inch meter	1,339.53	(I)
For 10-inch meter	1,925.57	(I)

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

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Schedule No. 3M
IRRIGATION SERVICE
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The Santa Clara Valley Water District requires the customer to certify the water is used to irrigate commercial agricultural crops for sale to qualify for this rate. It is an express condition of this Irrigation Service that the customer cooperates in making the necessary certification to the Water District.

2. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has surcharges or discounts applicable to water used to irrigate commercial agricultural crops if the customer/farmer participates in the Water District's special programs. These surcharges or discounts are applied per Acre Ft., are granted or imposed by the Water District each month based on the customer/farmer's level of participation, and will be passed through by the Company each month to the customer/farmer.

3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.

4. To provide funding for the Utility's Customer Assistance Program (formerly LICAP), as described in Tariff Rule 22, a surcharge of \$0.1208 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all water sold to non-LICAP participants on and after July 1, 2022. (I)
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(I)

5. Customers who receive water deliveries for agricultural purposes under this schedule, and who present evidence to the Utility that such deliveries qualify for the lower pump tax rates levied by the Santa Clara Valley Water District for agricultural water, shall receive a credit of \$2.2654 per 100 cu.ft. used during the period covered by that bill on and after July 1, 2022. (D)
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Schedule No. 6
CONTRACT RESALE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Potable water metered service delivered to a water retailer by contract at location outside the Company's certified service territory.

TERRITORY

Wholesale water service may be obtained for use outside the Company's certified service territory.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. Ft. \$ 3.8818 (I)

Service Charge:

Per Meter
Per Month

For 2-inch meter	\$ 133.95	(I)
For 3-inch meter	251.16	(I)
For 4-inch meter	418.60	(I)
For 6-inch meter	837.20	(I)
For 8-inch meter	1,339.53	(I)
For 10-inch meter	1,925.57	(I)
For 12-inch meter	2,762.78	(I)

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

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Great Oaks Water Company
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Exhibit A
Santa Clara Valley Water District
Resolution Setting Higher Groundwater Charges

Note: The initial Exhibit A contains the proposed Resolution from the Valley Water May 10, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda that was approved by the Valley Water Board on that date. Great Oaks has requested a copy of the signed Resolution once it is available, and Great Oaks will provide this signed Resolution to the Commission's Water Division upon receipt by Great Oaks.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

**DETERMINING GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION
CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022–2023**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) does find and declare as follows:

1. That pursuant to Section 26.5 of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act (“District Act”), a written report detailing Valley Water’s activities in the protection and augmentation of the water supplies of Valley Water has been prepared including: a financial analysis of Valley Water’s water utility system, information as to the present and future water requirements of Valley Water, the water supply available to Valley Water, and future capital improvements and maintenance and operating requirements; a method of financing such requirements; a recommendation as to whether or not the groundwater production charge should continue to be levied in any zone or zones of Valley Water during the ensuing fiscal year; and a proposal of a rate per acre-foot for agricultural water and a rate per acre-foot for all water other than agricultural water for Zones W-2, W-5, W-7, and W-8;
2. That on the 25th day of February 2022, said report was duly delivered to the Clerk of the Valley Water Board;
3. That the Clerk, pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act, gave due notice of the receipt of the report and of a public hearing to be held commencing on the 12th day of April 2022, by teleconference, videoconference, or both and at the time stated;
4. That on February 25, 2022, written notice was mailed to all owners and operators of water-producing facilities within Valley Water’s boundaries, advising of the proposed groundwater production charge rates to be levied, and of the opportunities to be heard concerning such charges;
5. That the Governor’s Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, allows attendance by members of the Board of Directors, Valley Water staff, and the public to participate and conduct public meetings and hearings by teleconference, videoconference, or both;
6. That pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act and consistent with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, on the 12th day of April 2022, at 6 p.m. via a virtual public hearing held by teleconference and videoconference, an opportunity was given to the public to comment on said report to Board members located at the Valley Water Boardroom and on video conference, was continued for further hearing to the evening of April 14, 2022 (teleconference and videoconference) and again to the evening of April 26, 2022 (teleconference, videoconference and in-person attendance in the Valley Water Boardroom located at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose), and said public hearing was duly commenced and concluded, more than 45 days after notice of the hearing was given;

7. That during said public hearing, additional information and evidence was provided that was considered by the Board in making its decision on groundwater production charges, and the public and all persons subject to groundwater production charges were invited to speak or present written comments at the public hearing;
8. That the charges established by this resolution are for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing, maintaining, and operating facilities to import water into Valley Water; paying the cost of purchasing imported water; paying the cost of constructing, maintaining, and operating facilities for groundwater recharge, surface distribution, and the purification and treatment of water; and paying the principal and interest of any bonded indebtedness or other financial obligations of Valley Water incurred for those purposes;
9. That this Board considered all comments objecting to the proposed groundwater production charge increases for Zones W-2, W-5, W-7, and W-8;
10. That this Board, based on the whole record before it, finds that the revenues derived from the groundwater production charges will not exceed the funds required to provide services to Zones W-2, W-5, W-7, and W-8, as authorized under the District Act, and that the amount levied does not and will not exceed the proportional cost of service; and
11. That the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to approval of these charges pursuant to the statutory exemption set forth in California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15273, because, as identified in Valley Water's annual report on the protection and augmentation of the water supplies of Valley Water, the charges are expressly made for the purpose of:
 - a. Meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits;
 - b. Purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials;
 - c. Meeting financial reserve needs; and
 - d. Obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District as follows:

FIRST: Valley Water activities in the geographic area identified as Zone W-2 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone and water imported into such zone; Valley Water activities in the geographic area of Valley Water identified as Zone W-5 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone and water imported into such zone; Valley Water activities in the geographic area of Valley Water identified as Zone W-7 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone and water imported into such zone; and Valley Water activities in the geographic area of Valley Water identified as Zone W-8 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone and water imported into such zone. Revenues derived from groundwater production charges shall be used only for such activities as authorized under the District Act.

SECOND: Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2022–2023 groundwater production charges per acre-foot for agricultural water and water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-2 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2022–2023 (July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023) at the following per acre-foot rates:

Water Other Than Agricultural	Agricultural Water
\$1,724.00	\$36.85

THIRD: Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2022–2023 groundwater production charges per acre-foot for agricultural water and water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-5 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2022–2023 (July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023) at the following per acre-foot rates:

Water Other Than Agricultural	Agricultural Water
\$513.00	\$36.85

FOURTH: Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2022–2023 groundwater production charges per acre-foot for agricultural water and water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-7 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2022–2023 (July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023) at the following per acre-foot rates:

Water Other Than Agricultural	Agricultural Water
\$582.50	\$36.85

FIFTH: Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2022–2023 groundwater production charges per acre-foot for agricultural water and water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-8 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2022–2023 (July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023) at the following per acre-foot rates:

Water Other Than Agricultural	Agricultural Water
\$368.50	\$36.85

SIXTH: Notice of the setting of groundwater production charges in the identified rates shall be given as provided in Section 26.8 of the District Act.

SEVENTH: The groundwater production charges set forth in this resolution shall be in effect until subsequent action of this Board modifying them.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on May 10, 2022:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JOHN L. VARELA
Chair Pro Tem, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

Clerk, Board of Directors

Great Oaks Water Company

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Exhibit B

Advice Letter 307-W Workpapers

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	AL 300-W-A	AL 307-W	Difference
Operating Revenues			
Metered Water Service Revenues	\$21,564,869	\$23,145,327	\$1,580,458
Fire Protection Revenues	\$173,588	\$173,588	\$0
Other Water Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Balancing Account Adjustment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Revenues (excluding CPUC fees)	<u>\$21,738,457</u>	<u>\$23,318,915</u>	\$1,580,458
Operating Expenses			
Net Payroll Expense	\$2,657,841	\$2,657,841	\$0
Groundwater Charges, Acct. 700	\$11,061,002	\$12,606,280	\$1,545,278
Op. Labor & Expense (Excluding Labor), Acct. 702	\$19,081	\$19,081	\$0
Misc. Pump Exp., Acct. 725	\$9,541	\$9,541	\$0
Purchased Power, Acct. 726	\$841,594	\$841,594	\$0
Maintenance Of Pumping Equipment, Accts. 711, 732	\$35,240	\$35,240	\$0
Chemicals & Filtering, Acct. 744	\$103,663	\$103,663	\$0
Meter Expense, Acct. 754	\$0	\$0	\$0
T&D Misc Expense, Acct. 756	\$9,541	\$9,541	\$0
T&D Maint & Supv., Accts 753, 758	\$0	\$0	\$0
Maintenance of Reservoirs & Tanks, Acct. 760	\$0	\$0	\$0
Maintenance of T&D Mains, Acct. 761	\$148,684	\$148,684	\$0
Maintenance of Services, Acct 763	\$30,300	\$30,300	\$0
Maintenance of Meters, Acct 764	\$503	\$503	\$0
Maintenance of Hydrants, Acct 765	\$10,237	\$10,237	\$0
Maintenance of General Plant, Acct 805	\$76,762	\$76,762	\$0
Meter Reading Expense, Acct 772	\$19,081	\$19,081	\$0
Customer Records & Collection, Acct 773	\$151,410	\$151,410	\$0
Uncollectible Accounts, Acct 775	\$41,303	\$44,873	\$3,570
Office Supplies & Other Expense, Acct 792	\$50,048	\$50,048	\$0
Property Insurance, Acct. 793	\$88,328	\$88,328	\$0
Injuries & Damages, Acct 794	\$44,001	\$44,001	\$0
Employee Pensions & Benefits, Acct 795	\$930,963	\$930,963	\$0
Franchise Requirements, Acct 796	\$434,769	\$466,378	\$31,609
Regulatory Commission Expenses, Acct 797	\$18,504	\$18,504	\$0
Outside Services, Including GRC Expense, Acct 798, 800	\$770,370	\$770,370	\$0
Miscellaneous General Expense Including CWA Dues, Acct 799	\$168,188	\$168,188	\$0
Rents, Acct 811	\$235,408	\$235,408	\$0
Transportation Expense, Acct 903	\$0	\$0	\$0
Passive Income 30% Ratepayer Credit	-\$67,952	-\$67,952	\$0
Total O&M and A&G Expenses	<u>\$17,888,410</u>	<u>\$19,468,867</u>	\$1,580,457
Depreciation Expense	\$1,454,123	\$1,454,123	\$0
Taxes Other than Income	\$468,610	\$468,610	\$0
Current State Income Tax	\$118,234	\$118,234	\$0
Current Federal Income Tax (Including DPAD)	\$256,043	\$256,043	\$0
Deferred Tax Expense	\$181,207	\$181,207	\$0
Total Depreciation and Taxes	<u>\$2,478,217</u>	<u>\$2,478,217</u>	\$0
Total Operating Expenses	\$20,366,627	\$21,947,084	\$1,580,457
Net Operating Revenue	\$1,371,830	\$1,371,830	\$0
Rate Base	\$16,832,272	\$16,832,272	\$0
Rate of Return, Percent	8.15%	8.15%	0
Adopted Rate of Return, Percent	8.15%	8.15%	0

Rate Calculations for Advice Letter 307-W

Customer Class	5/8" Equivalents	AL 307-W Sales CCF	Monthly Service Charges		
			Meter Size	Ratio	Monthly Serv. Chrg.
Single Family Res.	26,478	2,365,424	5/8"	1.0	\$16.74
Multi Family Res.	3,686	837,920	3/4"	1.5	\$25.12
Business	1,578	230,821	1"	2.5	\$41.86
Industrial	461	85,756	1.5"	5.0	\$83.72
Public Authority	1,310	176,267	2"	8.0	\$133.95
Schools	670	164,914	3"	15.0	\$251.16
Private Landscape	235	319,965	4"	25.0	\$418.60
Total	34,417	4,181,067	6"	50.0	\$837.20
Service Charge Calculation AL 307-W			8"	80.0	\$1,339.53
Fixed Costs		\$9,451,890.46	10"	115.0	\$1,925.57
3/4 Fixed Costs		\$7,088,917.84	12"	165.0	\$2,762.78
Minus Private Fire Protection Revenue		-\$173,588.00	14"	225.0	\$3,767.42
Total Service Charge Revenue		\$6,915,329.84			
Service Charge Per Year		\$200.93			
Service Charge Per Month		\$16.74			

Uniform Quantity Charge Calculation AL 307-W	
Variable Cost	\$13,867,024.05
1/4 Fixed Cost	\$2,362,972.61
Minus Other Water Revenues	\$0.00
Total Quantity Charges	\$16,229,996.67
Charge per CCF	\$3.8818

Conservation Rates Calculation AL 307-W			
Uniform Quantity Charge			\$3.8818
Tier	CCF Range	D.16-05-041 Factor	Tiered Rates
Tier 1	0 - 12	0.7110	\$2.7599
Tier 2	13 - 20	1.2270	\$4.7629
Tier 3	> 20	1.4570	\$5.6558

Advice Letter 307-W 2022/2023 Interim CAP Surcharge Calculation

Meter Size	Monthly Charge	50% Discount	x 12 Months	No. of Participants	Totals
5/8 inch	\$16.74	\$8.37	\$100.46	1136	\$114,127.78
3/4 inch	\$25.12	\$12.56	\$150.70	2257	\$340,122.89
1 inch	\$41.86	\$20.93	\$251.16	6	\$1,506.97
1.5 inch	\$83.72	\$41.86	\$502.32	1	\$502.32
Total LICAP Amount				3,400.0	\$456,259.97
				<u>CCF</u>	
CAP Sales				402,696.0	
NON-CAP Sales				3,778,371.5	
Interim Rates CAP Surcharge					\$0.1208

Calculation of AL 307-W Agriculture Quantity Charge Credit

25% Fixed Costs AL 307-W	\$2,362,972.61
Variable Costs Excluding Groundwater Charge	\$1,260,744.05
Groundwater Charge at \$36.85/AF	\$380,229.36
Total Variable Costs for Agriculture Water	<u>\$1,640,973.41</u>
Total	\$4,003,946.02
Sales in CCFs, not including Agricultural Water	4,181,067.5
Quantity Charge per CCF	\$0.96
Agriculture Quantity Charge Credit per CCF	\$2.2654

WP-3 CAP Surcharge and Agriculture Quantity Credit

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Bill Comparison							
Average Single Family Residential Customer with 3/4" x 3/4" Meter Using 10 ccf per Month							
Includes elimination of two M-WRAM Surcharges from AL 307-W Rates							
At AL 300-W-A Rates				At AL 307-W Rates			
<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Total</u>
Monthly Service Charge	\$24.84	2	\$49.68	Monthly Service Charge	\$25.12	2	\$50.24
Tier 1	\$2.4815	12	\$29.78	Tier 1	\$2.7599	12	\$33.12
Tier 2	\$4.2825	8	\$34.26	Tier 2	\$4.7629	8	\$38.10
M-WRAM Surcharges (4)	\$0.9547	20	\$19.09	M-WRAM Surcharges (2)	\$0.5437	20	\$10.87
CAP Surcharge	\$0.1203	20	\$2.41	CAP Surcharge	\$0.1208	20	\$2.42
Subtotal			\$135.22	Subtotal			\$134.75
CPUC Fee	1.43%		\$1.93	CPUC Fee	1.43%		\$1.93
Subtotal			\$137.15	Subtotal			\$136.68
SJ Utility Tax	5.00%		\$6.86	SJ Utility Tax	5.00%		\$6.83
Total			\$144.01	Total			\$143.51

Increase	-\$0.50
Percentage	-0.35%

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Exhibit C
Published Newspaper Notice

**GREAT OAKS WATER COMPANY NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE
DUE TO SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT GROUNDWATER CHARGES**

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) has filed Advice Letter (AL) 307-W with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to address higher groundwater charges (pump taxes) recently adopted by the Santa Clara Valley Water District. The current pump tax surcharge will apply to water sold through June 30, 2021 and will then be replaced by the new AL 307-W rates that include the new, higher pump tax. Under AL 307-W, Great Oaks' total revenue requirement increases by \$1,580,458 (7.27%) over previously authorized revenues. As shown in the table below, the average single-family residential customer bimonthly bill will decrease by \$0.50 (-0.35%), as compared to rates in effect on July 1, 2021. The expiration of two (2) M-WRAM surcharges are included in the AL 307-W bill comparison. A complete copy of the AL filing is available at www.greatoakswater.com.

Bill Comparison – July 1, 2021 vs. July 1, 2022							
Average Single-Family Residential Customer with ¾" x ¾" Meter Using 10 ccf per Month							
At AL 300-W-A Rates				At AL 307-W Rates			
Item	Amount	Units	Total	Item	Amount	Units	Total
Monthly Serv Chrg	\$24.84	2	\$49.68	Monthly Serv Chrg	\$25.12	2	\$50.24
Tier 1	\$2.4815	12	\$29.78	Tier 1	\$2.7599	12	\$33.12
Tier 2	\$3.9546	8	\$31.64	Tier 2	\$3.9546	8	\$31.64
M-WRAM Surch (4)	\$0.9547	20	\$19.09	M-WRAM Surch (2)	\$0.5437	20	\$10.87
CAP Surch	\$0.1203	20	\$2.41	CAP Surch	\$0.1208	20	\$2.42
Subtotal			\$135.22	Subtotal			\$142.97
CPUC Fee	1.43%		\$1.93	CPUC Fee	1.43%		\$2.04
Subtotal			\$137.15	Subtotal			\$145.02
SJ Utility Tax	5%		\$6.86	SJ Utility Tax	5%		\$7.25
Total			\$144.01	Total			\$152.27

Protests and Responses: Anyone may protest and respond to this Advice Letter. A Response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the Advice Letters. A Protest objects to the Advice Letter in whole or in part and must set forth specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds may be based upon the following:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the Advice Letters; or
- (2) The relief requested in the Advice Letters would violate a statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies; or
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the Advice Letters contain material error or omissions; or
- (4) The relief requested in the Advice Letters is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (5) The relief requested in the Advice Letters requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the Advice Letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the Advice Letters is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a Protest may not be made where it would require re-litigating a prior order of the Commission).

Any Protest or Response must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division of the Commission within 20 days of the date this Advice Letters are filed. The Advice Letter process does not provide for any Protests, Responses or other comments, except for a reply by Great Oaks Water Company, after the 20-day comment period expires. The address for mailing or delivering a Protest or Response is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date any Protest or Response is submitted to the Water Division, the protesting or responding person, entity or party must serve a copy of the Protest or Response on Great Oaks addressed to Timothy S. Guster, Great Oaks Water Co., 20 Great Oaks Blvd. Suite 120, San Jose, CA 95119, 408-227-9540, 408 227-7126 (fax), tguster@greatoakswater.com.