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ADVICE LETTER NO. 377-W-A

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Suburban Water Systems (“Suburban”) hereby submits for filing with the Commission the following tariff sheets applicable to its service areas and which are attached hereto:

CPUC Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling CPUC Sheet No.
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The filing is to supplement advice letter 377-W which was filed by Suburban on October 24, 2022, seeking an authorization a three-year extension of the “Asbestos Litigation Memorandum Account, to January 5, 2026.

In response to Public Advocates Office protest on November 14, 2022, Suburban files this supplement advice letter in order to change the tier designation from Tier 1 to Tier 3.

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

In compliance with General Rule 4.3 and 7.2 and Water Industry Rule 4.1 of General Order 96-B, a copy of this advice letter has been mailed or electronically transmitted to all interested and affected parties as detailed in Attachment A.

Sincerely,

/s/Kiki Carlson

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Attachment A

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**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**  
(Continued)

**S. Asbestos Litigation Memorandum Account (“ALMA”)**

**1. PURPOSE:**

The Asbestos Litigation Memorandum Account (“ALMA”) will track costs, settlement payments, judgments and credits related to litigation arising from alleged exposure to asbestos from asbestos cement (“AC”) water pipes in Suburban’s service areas.

**2. APPLICABILITY:**

The ALMA is effective beginning January 6, 2017 through January 5, 2026, unless (T) the California Public Utilities Commission authorizes an extension. The ALMA applies to all districts.

**3. RATES:**

The ALMA has no rate component.

**4. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE:**

Suburban shall make the entries described below on a monthly basis. Suburban shall only record costs for outside services related to defending against asbestos litigation lawsuits and seeking indemnification or cost recovery from insurers, developers, contractors, or other involved parties. Suburban shall not record any costs for internal services related to defending against asbestos litigation lawsuits and seeking indemnification or cost recovery from insurers, developers, contractors, or other involved parties. Suburban shall only record the following outside services costs related to asbestos litigation to the memorandum account:

- a. Filing and court fee costs
- b. Attorney fees
- c. Legal representation administrative costs
- d. Legal representation travel costs
- e. Litigation support costs
- f. Investigative costs
- g. Court reporter costs
- h. Deposition costs
- i. Expert witness fees
- j. Expert witness administrative costs
- k. Witness representation costs
- l. Witness travel costs
- m. Insurance coverage attorney costs
- n. Other reasonable and justified costs from outside service providers directly tied to asbestos litigation cases.

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S. ALMA (Continued)

4. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE (continued):

Suburban may record in the ALMA payments made according to settlement agreements in litigation related to alleged asbestos exposure. Suburban may record in the ALMA judgments against it in litigation related to alleged asbestos exposure.

Suburban shall record any recovery or compensation of costs from outside sources as a credit to the memorandum account. Any recovery or compensation of costs recorded in the memo account is to be credited against the costs recorded in the memorandum account, including recovery or compensation received after any expiration of the memorandum account. Costs that shall be treated as a credit in the memorandum account include, but are not limited to:

- a. Developer indemnity
- b. Developer reimbursement of expenses
- c. Developer insurance reimbursement
- d. Contractor indemnity
- e. Contractor insurance reimbursement
- f. Contribution by other defendants
- g. Court awards
- h. Settlement awards

Pursuant to Standard Practice U-27-W (“SP U-27”) of the Division of Water & Audits, the ALMA will earn interest at the 90-day commercial paper rate.

5. DISPOSITION:

Suburban shall seek recovery of costs recorded in the memorandum account if triggered under SP U-27, or in the 2023 and/or 2026 GRC filings. The request shall be in a filing that is in accordance with SP U-27 and General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.3. (T)

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