# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

#### **Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

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

**Utility Name:** Erskine Creek Water Company

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Standard Practice U-27 & GO

**Description:** Rate Base Offset for plant additions since

☐ Compliance

District: N/A

CPUC Utility #: 288 WTC

**Tier** □1 □2

**Authorization** 96-B General Rule 4.3

last GRC

see the "Response or Protest" section in the advice letter for more information.

**Utility Contact:** Frank Brommenschenkel

**Phone:** 805-525-4200

Advice Letter #: 104-W

January 31,

Date Mailed to Service List: 2022

**Utility Contact:** Debbie Loseth

**Phone:** 760-379-8309

Protest Deadline (20<sup>th</sup> Day): Feb 20, 2022

Review Deadline (30th Day): Sept 23, 2020

Requested Effective Date: Mar 30, 2020

**Rate Impact:** \$260,299

28.33%

Email:	Frank.brommen@verizon.net	Email:	Erskinecreekh20@aol.com
DWA Contact:	Tariff Unit		
Phone:	(415) 703-1133		
Email:	Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov		
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January 31, 2022

Advice Letter No. 104-W

#### TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Erskine Creek Water Company (Erskine) hereby transmits for filing one digital copy of this advice letter 104-W and the following tariff sheets which are enclosed:

NEW SHEET #	<u>TITLE</u>	<b>CANCELLING SHEET #</b>
435-W	Schedule No. 1 Metered Service	432-W
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#### **REQUEST**

By AL 104-W, Erskine requests permission to increase its quantity and service charge rates by 28.33% using a RBO for the cost of 1) installation of a new 320,000-gallon storage tank, 2) the installation of 4,000'of 8" mainline pipeline to facilitate the abandonment of old pipeline in customer's back yards, 3) meter replacements since the last GRC Resolution W-5185, 4) the purchase of a used Ford F-350 utility vehicle, 5) backup generator, and 6) the consultant cost of preparing this filing. The requested revenue increase of \$260,299 will not result in a rate of margin which exceeds the authorized rate of 22.91%. Workpapers justifying this increase are enclosed, including invoices for the plant additions.

Erskine is also requesting authority to include the cost of relocating the service line for rate base purposes in with the cost of relocating the replacement mainline from back yards and alleys to the public streets as Erskine currently has no authority to cause a private property owner to pay this cost and Erskine has no authority to replace service lines on private property. See below for more explanation.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The present rates became effective August 24, 2020, pursuant to Resolution W-4493 and Decision 92-03-093, which authorized a CPI rate increase of \$15,212, or 1.4% for 2020. The last general rate case became effective on February 21, 2019, pursuant to Resolution W-5185 increasing revenue by \$114,536 or 16.01% with a rate of margin of 22.91%.

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AL 104-W is filed pursuant to Standard Practice U-27 and General Order 96-B which authorizes Class C and D water and sewer utilities to file a Tier III advice letter requests for a rate base offset increase for plant additions that are used and useful. The increase is to be passed on to the utility's customers in their quantity rate and service charge.

#### **WEBB TANK**

For over 10 years prior to the installation of the Webb Tank, Erskine worked with the Water Boards to take over the Kernvale Mutual Water Company (Kernvale) water system serving 32 members of this poorly managed, non-compliant service area with water quality and storage deficiencies. By AL 85-W in 2013 Kernvale service area was added to the Erskine service area. Storage capacity was lacking in that area of the Erskine system requiring new storage in addition to what was necessary for Kernvale. Additional storage was mandated by the Water Boards for Kernvale, and additional capacity was added for Erskine system deficiencies. The expected life for this tank is 50 years.

#### **BACK YARD MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Erskine had 10,500' of mainline piping located in customer backyards, providing water service to 212 customers. These mains are aging with more frequent leaks, limited access, substandard line sizes and are expensive to maintain. With the completion of 4,000' of back yard main replacements out of a total of 10,500'Erskine has learned the following:

- 1. Erskine has no authority to relocate the service lines on private property.
- 2. Erskine has no authority to cause a customer to relocate their service line from the back yard to the main in the street.
- Documentation for similar treatment could not be found after contacting other companies and PUC staff and the Commission doesn't have a standard practice covering back yard main replacements.
- 4. Not all customers can afford to relocate their service line to the new mainline in the street.
- 5. Approximately 50% of the 58 customers off the first 4,000' of mainline replaced to date have funded the relocation of their service lines.

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6. With so few of the service lines relocated the Water Board has expressed health and safety concerns and is requesting the remaining service lines be relocated as soon as possible.

With Commission approval of this request to include in rate base the cost of relocating the service lines to the newly installed meter box off the new 4,000' mainline in the public street, Erskine would do the following with the first 58 customers with services off this new mainline. Those who have already reconnected their service line to the new meter box and those who have done nothing to date:

- Contract with a plumber to install a replacement service line taking the shortest distance
  to the newly installed meter box off the new mainline for those service lines that have
  not been moved.
- 2. For those customers that have already moved their service line to the meter box of the new mainline in the street Erskine would obtain all invoices that have been paid to the respective plumbers and pay the customer for the cost incurred.
- 3. All customers would sign an agreement indicating that the service line installed on their property at Erskine expense will be the responsibility of the customer to repair or replace in the future.
- 4. Erskine will recover the service line installation cost, which is anticipated to cost approximately \$2,000 per service line in a future rate base offset.

The total cost for the 4,000' of 8" main to replace old steel pipe is \$281,307.87 and invoices are included in this filing supporting this request. Service line costs are not a part of this filing for the reasons indicated above and will be included in a separate filing at a future date after Commission approval pending the direction of the Commission. A memo account could be another method of recovery in a balancing account if approved by the Commission as a part of this RBO Resolution.

### **CUSTOMER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Annual purchases for the Erskine meter replacement are generally around \$2,000, the \$2,414.03 added in 2021 will be reflected in the 2021 annual report with a respective retirement for these 16 meters. There was \$1,311 reflected in the 2019 annual report and \$1,436 reflected in the 2020 annual report, being the cost of meters added since the last GRC. Details are summarized on the invoice summary attached to this AL.

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#### **FORD F-350 UTILITY SERVICE VEHICLE**

This plant addition was purchased in 2019 and was reflected in the 2019 annual report. The purpose of reflecting this update is to account for all plant additions since the last GRC. This addition was added to update Erskine's transportation equipment. The total cost for this used utility vehicle was \$24,333.16 and will be given a useful life of 7 years as this is a heavier duty vehicle. This vehicle replaced an older high milage vehicle.

#### **BACK-UP GENERATOR**

Because of the wildfire dangers for the last several years and the necessity to cut power to keep from starting new fires from downed power lines the use of backup generators has become mandatory to have backup power for supplying water to fight fires and for health and safety reasons as outages have been out for days and This plant addition occurred in 2019 and 2020 and is reflected in 2020 annual report plant total. The purpose of reflecting this update is to account for all plant additions since the last GRC. The total cost for the back-up Generator was \$116,616.42 and will be given a useful life of 7 years. This back-up generator has proven to be a very important addition to this water system.

#### **CONSULTANT COST FOR PREPERATION AND FILING OF AL 104-W**

The amount of \$4,000 is an estimate based on the cost incurred to the time of finalizing the summary of earnings calculations for this filing and will be a not to exceed amount to avoid any adjustments before finalizing the resolution for commission approval and those invoices will be submitted to staff for their review after filing this advice letter.

#### TIER DESIGNATION AND REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE

This AL and the enclosed tariff sheets are submitted pursuant to General Order (GO.) 96-B General Rule 4.2 and Standard Practice U-27, designated as a Tier III AL and the enclosed tariff sheets will become effective upon approval of a Commission Resolution.

#### **NOTICE**

Erskine Creek Water Company Advice Letter No. 104-W

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This AL require notice in accordance with GO 96-B General Rule 4.3. A copy of this AL has been served to all parties listed on the service list<sup>1</sup> on the last page of this AL. This filing will not cause withdrawal of service nor conflict with any other schedule or rule.

#### **RESPONSE OR PROTEST<sup>2</sup>**

Anyone may respond to or protest this AL. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the AL. A protest objects to the AL 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 AL;
- 2. The relief requested in the AL 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 AL contain material error or omissions;
- 4. The relief requested in the AL is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- 5. The relief requested in the AL requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the AL process; or
- 6. The relief requested in the AL 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.

A protest may not rely on policy objections to an AL where the relief requested in the AL follows rules or directions established by statute or Commission order applicable to the utility.

A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. The Water Division must receive a response or protest via email (<u>or</u> postal mail) within 20 days of the date the AL is filed. The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

#### **Email Address:**

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

#### **Mailing Address:**

California Public Utilities Commission Water Division, 3rd Floor 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

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 to Debbie Loseth at: Erskine Creek Water Company

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 4.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

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Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform DWA, 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. Any reply must be received by DWA within five business days after the end of the protest period, and shall be served on the same day on each person who filed the protest or response to the AL.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> GO. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

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#### **SERVICE LIST**

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Recipient 2 Mountain Mesa Water Company

skissack@msn.com

Recipient 3 California Water Service Co.

Jon Yasin

jyasin@calwater.com

I hereby certify that the above service list has been served a copy of AL 104-W on January 31, 2022.

Executed in Santa Paula, California on the January 31, 2022.

**Erskine Creek Water Company** 

By: /s/Frank Brommenschenkel

Nicholas Silicz President

**Enclosures** 

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.

<u>435-W</u>

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*Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.* <u>432-W</u>

## Schedule No. 1 METERED SERVICE

#### **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered water service.

#### **TERRITORY**

The unincorporated community of Lake Isabella and vicinity, Kern County.

#### **RATES**

Quantity Rate:

All water per 100 cubic feet......\$2.10

Service Charge: Per Meter Bimonthly 78.14 For 5/8-inch meter.... (I) For <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch meter ..... 117.23 (I) 195.38 For 1-inch meter. (I) For 1-1/2-inch meter..... 390.76 (I) For 2-inch meter.... 625.24 (I) For 3-inch meter. 1,172.31 (I) For 4-inch meter.... 1,953.86 (I) For 6-inch meter ..... 3,907.07 (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.

#### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

(To be inserted by Utility)		(To be inserted by Cal. P.U.C.)
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## Schedule No. 4 PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

#### **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all water service furnished to privately owned fire protection systems.

#### TERRITORY

The unincorporated community of Lake Isabella and vicinity, Kern County.

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 1. The fire protection service and connection shall be installed by the utility at the utility's directions. Cost for the entire fire protection installation, excluding the connection at the main shall be paid for by the applicant. Such payment shall not be subject to refund.
- 2. The expense of maintaining the private fire protection facilities on the applicant's premises (including the vault, meter, and backflow devise) shall be paid for by the applicant.
- 3. All facilities paid for by the applicant shall be the sole property of the applicant. The utility and its duly appointed agents shall have the right to ingress to, and egress from the premises for all purposes relating to said facilities.
- 4. The minimum diameter for fire protection service shall be four inches, and the maximum diameter shall not be more than the diameter of the main to which the service is connected.
- 5. If a distribution main of adequate size to serve a private fire protection system in addition to all other normal service does not exist in the street or alley adjacent to the premises to be served, then a main extension from the nearest existing main of adequate capacity shall be required by the utility.
- 6. Service hereunder is for private fire protection systems to which no connections for other than fire protection purposes are allowed and which are regularly inspected by the underwriters having jurisdiction. All facilities are to be installed according to the utility's specifications and maintained to the utility's satisfaction. The utility may require the installation of a backflow prevention device and a standard detector type meter approved by the Insurance Services Office for protection against theft, leakage, or waste of water.
- 7. No structure shall be built over the fire protection service and the customer shall maintain and safeguard the area occupied by the service from traffic and other hazardous conditions. The customer will be responsible for any damage to the fire protection service facilities.
- 8. Subject to the approval of the utility, any change in the location or construction of the fire protection service as may be required by public authority or the customers will be made by the utility following payment to the utility of the entire cost of such change.
- 9. Any unauthorized use of water through the fire protection service will be charged for at the applicable tariff rates and may be grounds for the utility's discontinuing fire protection service without liability.

(To be inserted by Utility)		(To be inserted by Cal. P.U.C.)		
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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No

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Erskine Creek Water Company Summary of Earnings Advice Letter 104-W RBO 1/31/2022

		1,01,20				2022		
		s. W-5185	F	Recorded		RBO	P	roposed
On another Devenue	2	/21/2019		2020	4	28.33%		Rates
Operating Revenues:	•	005.050	Φ.	040040	Φ.	050 005	Φ.	4 474 700
Metered Revenue	\$	825,058	\$	913,043	\$	258,665	\$	1,171,708
Other Water Revenue Net	Φ.	4 0 40	\$	167,742	_		_	
Private Fire Protection	\$	4,942	\$	5,768	\$	1,634	\$	7,402
2019 CPI-U Increase								
Total Operating Revenues	\$	830,000	\$	1,086,553	\$	260,299	\$	1,179,110
Operating Expenses:								
Purchased water			\$	33,474				
Purchased power	\$	56,142	\$	65,426			\$	65,426
Other vol. related	\$	7,089	\$	5,197			\$	5,197
Employee labor	\$	96,573	\$	174,664			\$	174,664
Materials	\$	32,343	\$	58,335			\$	58,335
Contract work	\$	12,694	\$	14,791			\$	14,791
Transportation	\$	26,425	\$	28,092			\$	28,092
Other plant maintenance	\$	5,000	\$	32,292			\$	32,292
Water Well Drilled & Abandoned			·	- , -			\$	-
Office salaries	\$	82,646	\$	157,139			\$	157,139
Management	\$	70,892	\$	71,164			\$	71,164
Employee pension & benefit	\$	49,878	\$	55,729			\$	55,729
Uncollectible expense	\$	4,268	\$	4,985			\$	4,985
Office services & rentals	\$	32,291	\$	25,552			\$	25,552
Office supplies & expenses	\$	29,638	\$	53,866			\$	53,866
Professional services	\$	7,367	•	3,999			\$	3,999
Insurance	\$	35,776	\$	34,183			\$	34,183
Regulatory expense	\$	2,971	\$	12,645			\$	12,645
General expenses	\$	18,281	\$	8,502			\$	8,502
Total operating expenses	\$	570,275	\$	840,035			\$	806,561
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Depreciation expense	\$	29,670	\$	40,717	\$	9,694	\$	50,411
Payroll tax			\$	35,173			\$	35,173
Property taxes			\$	7,755	\$	5,021	\$	12,776
Taxes other than income	\$	39,219	\$	9,528			\$	9,528
State taxes	\$	16,870	\$	13,072	\$	3,228	\$	16,300
Federal income taxes	\$	36,533	\$	19,407	\$	19,393	\$	38,800
Total deductions	\$	692,567	\$	965,687	\$	37,336	\$	969,549
Net Revenue	\$	137,433	\$	120,866			\$	209,561
Rate Base:								
Plant	\$	1,368,709	Ф	1,544,189	\$	529,945	Ф	2,074,134
Construction Work In Progress	\$	22,309	\$	240,856	\$	523,345	\$	2,074,134
Accumulated Depreciation	\$	597,635	\$	720,057	\$	22,651	\$	742,708
Net Plant	\$	771,074	\$	1,064,988	Ψ	22,031	\$	
Plus: Working Cash	φ \$	37,332	т.	66,810			<b>Б</b>	1,331,426 133,596
Materials & supplies	φ \$	4,170	Ф \$	4,170			<b>\$</b>	4,170
Less: Contributions	φ \$	61,508	•				<b>Б</b>	
Less. Continuations	φ	01,500	φ	56,658			φ	54,219
Rate Base	\$	773,377	\$	1,079,310			\$	1,414,973
Rate of Return		17.77%		11.20%				14.81%
Rate of Margin		22.91%		14.39%				22.91%

### **Erskine Creek Water Company**

1/31/2022

#### Schedule No. 1 - Metered Water Service

Quantity Rate:	Current	28.33%
	Rate	Increase
All water per 100 cubic feet	\$ 1.64	2.10
	Current	28.33%
Service Charge:	Rate	Increase
5/8-inch meter	\$60.89	\$ 78.14
3/4-inch meter	\$91.35	\$ 117.23
1-inch meter	\$152.25	\$ 195.38
1-1/2-inch meter	\$304.50	\$ 390.76
2-inch meter	\$487.21	\$ 625.24
3-inch meter	\$913.51	\$ 1,172.31
4-inch meter	\$1,522.53	\$ 1,953.86
6-inch meter	\$3,044.55	\$ 3,907.07

#### Schedule No. 4 - Private Fire Protection

		urrent	28.33%
Rate:		Rate	Increase
For each inch of diameter of service connection	\$	17.09	\$ 21.93

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE BASE OFFSET RATE INCREASE

January 31, 2022

By Advice Letter 104-W, dated January 31, 2022, Erskine Creek Water Company, Inc. (Erskine) has requested authority from the CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTLITIES COMMISSION (CPUC) to increase its water rates by \$260,299 or 28.33% over the present rates. Current effective rates were approved on August 24, 2020, implementing a 1.4% cost of living increase Consumer Price Index (CPI). The last general rate increase became effective on February 21, 2019, pursuant to Resolution W-5185, which authorized a general rate increase of \$114,536, or 16.01%, and a rate of margin of 22.91%. Erskine Creek's proposed Rate Base Offset rate increase is necessary to compensate Erskine for investing nearly \$700,000 in new plant consisting of storage, backup generator, 4,000' of 8" replacement pipeline and miscellaneous other items, since the last general rate case approximately 3 years ago.

The backup generator was imperative to power the wells and booster pumps during SCE "Public Safety Power Shutoffs" when power to Erskine system is terminated for extended periods of time during the fire season. Removing undersized backyard mains will reduce repair costs, assist in providing better fire flows and the replacement of aging pipelines. Additional storage provides more reliable water supply and stable pressures to the system, adding reliability.

Current and proposed rates are as follows:

GENERAL METERED SERVICE RATES	Current	<u>Proposed</u>
All Water per 100 Cubic Feet	\$1.64	\$2.10

	Service Charge:	Per Meter Per Me	onth
		<u>Current</u>	<b>Proposed</b>
For	5/8" Meter	\$ 60.89	\$ 78.14
For	3/4-inch meter	\$ 91.35	\$ 117.23
For	1-inch meter	\$ 152.25	\$ 195.38
For	1-1/2-inch meter	\$ 304.50	\$ 390.76
For	2-inch meter	\$ 487.21	\$ 625.24
For	3-inch meter	\$ 913.51	\$1,172.31
For	4-inch meter	\$1,522.53	\$1,953.86
For	6-inch meter	\$3,044.55	\$3,907.07

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.

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE RATE	Per Service Per Month			
	Current	Proposed		
For each inch of diameter inch of service connection	\$17.09	\$21.93		

There are two ways to respond to this notice. You may send a protest to the CPUC and, if you do, you must send a copy of the protest to Erskine Creek.

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE BASE OFFSET RATE INCREASE

January 31, 2022

#### **PROTEST AND RESPONSES:**

A protest is a document objecting to the granting in whole or in part of the authority sought in this advice letter filing. A response is a document that does not object to the authority sought, but nevertheless presents information that the party tendering the response believes would be useful to the CPUC in acting on the request.

A protest must be mailed or emailed within 20 days of the date of this notice. A protest must state the facts constituting the grounds for the protest, the effect that approval of the advice letter might have on the protestant and the reasons the protestant believes the advice letter or part of it is not justified. If the protest requests an evidentiary hearing, the protest must state the facts the protestant would present at an evidentiary hearing to support its request for whole or partial denial of the advice letter.

All protests or responses to this filing should be sent to both following addresses and should mention that they pertain to Erskine Creek Water Company, Inc. AL 104-W Rate Base Offset Rate Increase.

CA Public Utilities Commission, Debbie Loseth

Division of Water and Audits Erskine Creek Water Company, Inc.

505 Van Ness Avenue PO Box 656

San Francisco, California 94102 Lake Isabella, CA 93240

E-Mail: water division@cpuc.ca.gov 760-379-8309 E-Mail: erskinecreekh20@aol.com

Comments must be sent no later than twenty (20) days after the date of this notice was sent.

If you have not received a reply to your protest from the utility within ten (10) business days, you may contact Frank Brommenschenkel at 805-340-9007 or <a href="mailto:frank134davis@gmail.com">frank134davis@gmail.com</a>

Further information may be obtained from the utility by calling 805-340-9007 or from the CPUC at the above address.

Mailed: January 31, 2022

## ERSKINE CREEK WATER COMPANY, INC.

Rate Base Offset Advice Letter 104-W Invoice Summary 1/31/2022

### **STORAGE TANK**

Date	Invoice #	Supplier	Description	C	ost	Paid	Check #	Date Paid
			Labor & materials & equipment to fabricate & deliver & erect one 47' diameter, 24'					
8/6/2020		Superior Tank Company, Inc.	height, 320,000 gallon powder coated expoxy factory coated bolted steel tank.	\$ 1	149,986.00			
3/8/2019	6109	Superior Tank Company, Inc.	Tank Engineering			\$ 2,986	.00 18130	11/16/2020
11/23/2020	6711	Superior Tank Company, Inc.	Progress Invoice #1 / 10% Engineering Deposit			\$ 12,012	.60 18132	12/3/2020
11/24/2020	6712	Superior Tank Company, Inc.	Progress Invoice #2 / 50% Material & Fabrication			\$ 59,994	.40 18133	12/3/2020
2/22/2021	6790	Superior Tank Company, Inc.	Progress Invoice #3 / 95% Material & Fabrication			\$ 67,493	.70 18208	3/1/2021
3/12/2021	6812	Superior Tank Company, Inc.	Final Invoice #4 / 100% Complete		·	\$ 7,499	.30 18252	4/1/2021
			TOTAL	\$ 1	149,986.00	\$ 149,986	.00	

### **ELECTRICAL & PUMP UPGRADES**

Date	Invoice #	Supplier	Description	Cost		Cost Paid		Check #	Date Paid
6/17/2020	7590310936	Southern California Edison	Panel Upgrade, Changing voltage	\$	16,859.42	\$ 1	16,859.42	18124	11/3/2020
11/21/2020	5923	South Valley Companies, Inc.	Electrical Material & Labor. Labor Billed 80% Pending SCE service connection & startup	\$	28,748.35	\$ 2	28,748.35	18131	12/3/2020
			TOTAL	\$	45,607.77	\$ 4	15,607.77		

### MISCELLANEOUS TANK EXPENSES

								Check #/	
Date	Invoice #	Supplier	Description	Cost		Paid		CC	Date Paid
2/28/2021	410064964	711 Materials, Inc.		\$	3,735.15	\$	3,735.15	18236	4/1/2021
4/26/2021	6398	South Valley Companies, Inc.	Install new electrical service & VFD pump panel for existing booster pumps.	\$	1,281.25	\$	1,281.25	18303	5/24/2021
3/16/2021	N863049	Core & Main	Webb Tank Materials	\$	14,161.84	\$	14,161.84	18265	4/16/2021
3/24/2021	71286550	Shell	Diesel Fuel	\$	81.30	\$	81.30	ACH	4/19/2021
3/24/2021	71286550	Shell	Diesel Fuel	\$	60.21	\$	60.21	ACH	4/19/2021
2/23/2021	1609226	Ferguson	Webb Tank Materials	\$	188.18	\$	188.18	18245	4/1/2021
2/26/2021	1610278	Ferguson	Webb Tank Materials	\$	4,149.81	\$	4,149.81	18245	4/1/2021
3/9/2021	1612697	Ferguson	Webb Tank Materials	\$	76.29	\$	76.29	18245	4/1/2021
4/12/2021	1620035	Ferguson	Webb Tank Materials	\$	1,943.94	\$	1,943.94	18294	5/24/2021
4/14/2021	1620137	Ferguson	Webb Tank Materials	\$	4,147.11	\$	4,147.11	18294	5/24/2021
5/4/2021	1626796	Ferguson	Webb Tank Materials	\$	36.19	\$	36.19	18294	5/24/2021
8/26/2016		Nicholas Construction, Inc.	Tank Ring Foundation	\$	16,768.89	\$	16,768.89	17107	11/12/2017
			TOTAL	\$	46,630.16	\$	46,630.16		

GRAND TOTAL WEBB TANK \$ 242,223.93 \$ 242,223.93

### **8 INCH MAINLINE**

Date	Invoice #	Supplier	Description	Cost		Paid		Check #	Date Paid
12/30/2020	201020	Nicholas Construction, Inc.	Contract work done by Sunbelt Rentals, Invoice 107144175-0002	\$	2,265.45	\$	2,265.45	18181	12/30/2020
12/30/2020	201020	Nicholas Construction, Inc.	Contract work done by Sunbelt Rentals, Invoice 107144175-0001	\$	2,265.45	\$	2,265.45	18181	12/30/2020
12/20/2020		Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	(348.56)	\$	(348.56)		
12/18/2020	1586612	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	13,480.09	\$	13,480.09	18177	12/30/2020
12/7/2020	1594445	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	818.98	\$	818.98	18177	12/30/2020
11/23/2020	1592682	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	790.11	\$	790.11	18146	12/3/2020

11/19/2020	1591742	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	1,269.83	\$ 1,269.83	18146	12/3/2020
11/19/2020	1591170	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	297.82	\$ 297.82	18146	12/3/2020
11/18/2020	1591171	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	8,404.91	\$ 8,404.91	18146	12/3/2020
11/16/2020	1589263-1	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	1,169.97	\$ 1,169.97	18146	12/3/2020
11/10/2020	1589263	Ferguson	ipeline Materials		17,824.11	\$ 17,824.11	18146	12/3/2020
11/10/2020	1589265	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	481.13	\$ 481.13	18146	12/3/2020
10/29/2020	1585929	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	723.89	\$ 723.89	18144	11/25/2020
10/26/2020	1585904	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	19,938.24	\$ 19,938.24	18120	11/3/2020
10/26/2020	1585944	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	11,724.33	\$ 11,724.33	18120	11/3/2020
11/4/2020	1588386	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	764.05	\$ 764.05	18146	12/3/2020
12/3/2020	410061743	711 Materials, Inc.	Pipeline Materials	\$	1,521.29	\$ 1,521.29	18181	12/30/2020
12/1/2020	410061588	711 Materials, Inc.	Pipeline Materials	\$	753.86	\$ 753.86	18181	12/30/2020
1/28/2020	1598169	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	2,231.32	\$ 2,231.32	18216	3/1/2021
2/17/2021	1608018	Ferguson	Pipeline Materials	\$	577.33	\$ 577.33	18216	3/1/2021
4/9/2021	1247	Nicholas Construction, Inc.	Contract Work done by 711 Materials, Inc., Invoice 410061661	\$	3,042.39	\$ 3,042.39	18275	4/16/2021
4/9/2021	1247	Nicholas Construction, Inc.	Contract Work done by 711 Materials, Inc., Invoice 410063541	\$	870.28	\$ 870.28	18275	4/16/2021
2/5/2021	2053075-189	Kern Asphalt Paving & Sealing Co., Inc.	Paving	\$	58,645.00	\$ 58,645.00	18218	3/1/2021
2/8/2021	1212	Nicholas Construction, Inc.	Contract Work done by American Incorporated Invoice 7121880 (Sawcut Asphalt)	\$	520.00	\$ 520.00	18221	3/1/2021
3/25/2021		BC Laboratories, Inc.	3-Bac T Tests for 8" Mainline	\$	200.00	\$ 200.00	18263	4/16/2021
			Labor from 10/19/2020 to 11/25/2020 \$84,609.33 and Equipment from 10/19/2020 to					
12/6/2021	1353	Nicholas Construction, Inc.	11/25/2020 \$46,467.27	\$	131,076.60	\$ 131,076.60	18487	12/10/2021
			TOTAL	\$	281,307.87	\$ 281,307.87		

Feet of 8" installed

Cost Per Foot \$

4,000 70.33

Retirement of 4,000' of Pipeline @6.80/foot \$

27,200.00

### **CUSTOMER METERS 2021**

Date	Invoice#	Supplier	Description	Cost	P	aid	Check #	Date Paid
9/8/2021	81386	Ferguson	5/8 X 3/4 customer meters	\$ 2,414.03	\$	2,414.03	18423	9/20/2021
			TOTAL	\$ 2,414.03	\$	2,414.03		

Cost Per Meter, 16 Each \$ 150.88
Original Meter Average Cost \$ 35.00

Retirement of 16 meters \$ 560.00

## UTILITY VEHICLE Ford F-350 - Capitalized in 2019. Already in 2019 plant totals.

Date	Invoice #	Supplier	Description	Cost	Paid	Check #/CC	Date Paid
7/2/2019		West Coast Ambulance and Truck Sales	Ford F-350 Utility Vehicle 2008 Used, Gas, White	\$ 24,333.16	\$ 24,333.16		7/2/2019
			Total	\$ 24,333.16	\$ 24,333.16		

## **GENERATOR - Capitalized in 2019 & 2020. Already in 2020 plant totals.**

						Check #/	
Date	Invoice #	Supplier	Description	Cost	Paid	CC	Date Paid
12/3/2019	109105	Central California Power	Generator Equipment	\$ 21,567.61	\$ 21,567.61	17833	12/3/2019
12/30/2019	109467	Central California Power	Plant Generator	\$ 83,118.75	\$ 83,118.75	17739	12/30/2019
1/28/2020		California Air Resources Board	Generator Registration - PN Ref# 89278148	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	Credit Card	1/28/2020
7/24/2020	5538	South Valley Companies, Inc.	Generator Pigtails and Installation	\$ 3,820.08	\$ 3,820.08	18104	10/29/2020
8/7/2020	5588	South Valley Companies, Inc.	Install new fusible disconnect & double safety switch w/ pigtails for generator connection.	\$ 7,999.98	\$ 7,999.98	18065	9/10/2020

	TOTAL \$	\$ 116,616.42	\$ 116,616.42	

### **AL 104 FILING COST**

Date	Invoice #	Supplier	Description	Cost	Paid	Check #/CC	Date Paid
Dec 21 and Jan	22	Frank B & Associates	Prep and filing costs for AL 104 multiple item RBO with Back yard Mains	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		
			TOTAL	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		

TANK, 8 INCH MAINLINE, GENERATOR, CUSTOMER METERS, FORD F-350, AND FILING COST \$ 670,895 \$ 670,895 ALREADY CAPITALIZED ON THE ANNUAL REPORTS (GENERATOR & FORD F-350) \$ 140,950 \$ 140,950 \$ 529,946

### **Erskine Creek Water Company, Inc.**

Expective Lives/Depreciation of of Plant Added
AL 104 RBO
1/31/2022

					Annual					
Item	Years	Cost			Cost			Depreciation		
Reservoir	50	\$	242,223.93	\$	4,844.48					
Pipeline	60	\$	281,307.87	\$	4,688.46					
Meters	15	\$	2,414.03	\$	160.94					
		\$	525,945.83	\$	9,693.88					
		Ave	rage Depreciatio		1.84%					