CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name:	GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
District:	SANTA MARIA
CPUC Utility #:	133 W
Advice Letter #:	1911-W
Tier	☒1 ☐2 ☐3 ☒ Compliance
Authorization	D.07-05-041,D.13-05-011, D.19-05-044 & D.23-06-024
Description:	Annual recalibration of Memo account surcharge for tariff schedule SM-1-R, SM-1-NR & SM-3ML.

Date Mailed to Service List:	10/24/2023
Protest Deadline (20th Day):	11/13/2023
Review Deadline (30th Day):	11/23/2023
Requested Effective Date:	1/1/2024
Rate Impact:	$0.00 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.

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DATE	STAFF	COMMENTS

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Signature: _____ **Comments:** _____

Date: _____

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October 24, 2023

Advice Letter No. 1911-W **(U 133 W)**

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) hereby transmits the following tariff sheets applicable to Santa Maria Customer Service Area (CSA):

CPUC Sheet No	Title of Sheet	Canceling CPUC Sheet No.
Revised No. 9355-W	Schedule No. SM-1-NR Santa Maria Customer Service Area Non-Residential Metered Service, Page 3	Revised No. 9206-W
Revised No. 9356-W	Schedule No. SM-1-R Santa Maria Customer Service Area Residential Metered Service, Page 2	Revised No. 9209-W
Revised No. 9357-W	Schedule No. SM-3ML Santa Maria Customer Service Area Limited Metered Irrigation Service, Page 1	Revised No. 9305-W
Revised No. 9358-W	Table of Contents, Page 5	Revised No. 9348-W
Revised No. 9359-W	Table of Contents, Page 1	Revised No. 9354-W

Purpose

These tariffs are submitted in compliance with the Settlement Agreement in Decision 07-05-041, dated May 24, 2007, which directs GSWC to submit an annual update and revise the temporary surcharge to recover the cumulative balance incurred in the Santa Maria Water Rights Memorandum Account (SMWRMA).

Compliance

As directed in Decision No. 13-05-011, dated May 9, 2013, and Decision No. 19-05-044, dated May 30, 2019, GSWC is authorized to amortize the post- December 31, 2005 balance in the SMWRMA over a 10-year period.

Decision No. 23-06-024, granted GSWC to continue the recovery of the balance in the SMWRA and recalculate the surcharge annually until December 31, 2024.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement in Decision 07-05-041, GSWC is to file an advice letter with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) annually, no later than November 1 of each year, to update and revise the temporary surcharge until its expiration.

GSWC is filing this advice letter to update the temporary surcharge of $0.148 per Ccf implemented in Advice Letter 1889-W, which became effective December 1, 2022. This filing reflects the most recent historical data for unamortized litigation costs, interest rate, and sales volumes.

Based on GSWC's calculations, the temporary surcharge will decrease to $0.042 per Ccf beginning January 1, 2024.

Supporting workpapers detailing GSWC's calculations for the SMWRMA surcharge will be provided to the Water Division and Public Advocates Office.

Effective Date

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation. GSWC is requesting that this filing become effective on January 1, 2024.

Customer notice

GSWC will include a bill message on the customer's first bill generated after the rate goes into effect to notify its Santa Maria customers of the surcharge change.

Response or Protest

Anyone may submit a response or protest for this Advice Letter (AL). When submitting a response or protest, please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.

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.

WD must receive a response or protest via email (**or** postal mail) within 20 days of the date the AL is filed. When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.** The addresses for submitting a response or protest is:

California Public Utilities Commission
Water Division
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail: Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov
On the same day the response or protest is submitted to WD, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to Golden State Water Company, addressed to:

Golden State Water Company
Attn: Gladys Estrada
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773
E-mail: regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com

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 WD 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.

The actions requested in this advice letter are not now the subject of any formal filings with the California Public Utilities Commission, including a formal complaint, nor action in any court of law.

No individuals or utilities have requested notification of filing of tariffs. Distribution of this advice letter is being made to the attached service list in accordance with General Order No. 96-B.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gladys Estrada
Gladys Estrada
Regulatory Analyst

cc: Jim Boothe, CPUC – Water Division
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Schedule No. SM-1-NR
Santa Maria District
Non-Residential Metered Service

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

6. Pursuant to D. 13-05-011 as modified in D.23-06-024, to recover the Santa Maria Water Rights Litigation post expense balance as of December 31, 2005 a surcharge of $0.042 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate and is subject to recalibration annually until December 31, 2024. (R)

7. As authorized by the California Public Utilities, an amount of $0.244 per Ccf based on an 18-month amortization period, is to be added to the Quantity Rate, beginning on July 31, 2023 as indicated in Advice Letter 1898-W. The surcharge may be recalibrated annually, if necessary. This surcharge will recover the under-collection in the WRAM&MCBA Balancing Account.

8. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission in D.23-06-024, an amount of $0.115 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 12-months, beginning on the effective date of Advice Letter No. 1899-W. The surcharge will amortize the cumulative balance recorded in the Santa Maria Steelhead Recovery Plan Memorandum Account as of September 30, 2020.

9. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission in D.23-06-024, an amount of $0.015 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 12-months, beginning on the effective date of Advice Letter No. 1899-W. The surcharge will amortize the cumulative balance recorded in the Tangible Property Regulation Collateral Consequences Memorandum Account as of September 30, 2020.

10. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission in D.23-06-024, an amount of $0.0007 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of six months, beginning on the effective date of Advice Letter No. 1899-W. The surcharge will amortize the cumulative balance recorded in the School Lead Testing Memorandum Account as of September 30, 2020.

11. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission in D.23-06-024, an amount of $0.00145 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of six months, beginning on the effective date of Advice Letter No. 1899-W. The surcharge will amortize the cumulative balance recorded in the Emergency Consumer Protection Memorandum Account as of September 30, 2020.

12. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission in D.23-06-024, an amount of $0.003 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 12-months, beginning on the effective date of Advice Letter No. 1899-W. The surcharge will amortize the cumulative balance recorded in the Public Safety Power Shut-Off Memorandum Account as of September 30, 2020.

13. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission in D.23-06-024, an amount of $0.010 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a period of 12-months, beginning on the effective date of Advice Letter No. 1899-W. The surcharge will amortize the cumulative balance recorded in the General Ratemaking Area Balancing Account as of September 30, 2020.

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Schedule No. SM-1-R
Santa Maria District
Residential Metered Service

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

2. Pursuant to Decision No. 23-06-024 a surcharge of $0.107 per Ccf will be applied to all metered customer bills excluding customers that are receiving the CAP credit. This surcharge will offset the CAP credits and CAP administrative program costs recorded in the CAP Balancing Account.

3. Pursuant to D. 13-05-011 as modified in D.23-06-023, to recover the Santa Maria Water Rights Litigation post expense balance as of December 31, 2005 a surcharge of $0.042 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate and is subject to recalibration annually until December 31, 2024. (R)

4. Applicants requesting a new service connection, a new water meter or an increase in the size of their existing service connection and/or existing water meter resulting in increased demand within the Santa Maria Customer Service Area, as defined on the Service Area Maps, must provide a source of supplemental water to offset the increased water demand, pursuant to the Court adopted Stipulation in Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria, et al. (and related actions), Lead Case No. CV 770214, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara, in January 2008, and Commission Decision No. 13-05-011. Where and when available, applicants may remit payment to a third party public agency a water resource demand offset fee in lieu of providing a source of supplemental water, provided such fee fully offsets the cost, and results in the dedication to GSWC, of a source of supplemental water sufficient to meet the water demands of the service requested.

   The condition will not apply if one (1) the applicant is not an existing Golden State Water Company customer and provides Golden State Water Company with a final Can and Will Serve Letter and/or recorded land use entitlement demonstrating a prior obligation to serve the parcel with water service, or two (2) the applicant is an existing customer (with an existing connection, water meter, and service agreement) and all of the following criteria are satisfied:

5. The new dwelling is authorized under applicable state and/or local Accessory Dwelling Unit ("ADU") regulations, as they may be amended from time to time.
6. The new dwelling (and/or request land use entitlement) only requires a ministerial land use permit or other form of land use entitlement.
7. The applicant currently has one (1) service line/connection of 1-inch or less.
8. Water service to both the existing dwelling structure and the proposed ADU can be provided with one (1), 1-inch service line/connection or less.

Schedule No. SM-3ML
Santa Maria District
Limited Metered Irrigation Service

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to metered irrigation water service except those covered under Schedules No. SM-1-R and Schedule SM-1-NR.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area known as Lake Marie Ranches located in the former Lake Marie Service.

RATES

	Per 1 CCF	Per 1 CGL
Quantity Rates:	(100 cu. ft.)	(100 gal.)
For all water delivered	$ 2.560	$ 0.3422

Service Charges:	Per Meter Per Month
For 3/4-inch meter	$ 97.46
For 1-inch meter	$ 109.56
For 3-inch meter	$ 257.69

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.

2. A customer desiring to obtain water deliveries under this schedule must first obtain a written permit from the utility, with service limited to existing customers as of December 31, 1986. All outdoor irrigation must occur before 8 am or after 7 pm on specified watering day.

3. The utility will supply only such water pressure as may be available from time to time as a result of its normal operations.

4. Pursuant to Decision No. 23-06-024 a surcharge of $0.107 per Ccf will be applied to all metered customer bills excluding customers that are receiving the CAP credit. This surcharge will offset the CAP credits and CAP administrative program costs recorded in the CAP Balancing Account.

5. Pursuant to D. 13-05-011 as modified in D.23-06-024, to recover the Santa Maria Water Rights Litigation post expense balance as of December 31, 2005 a surcharge of $0.042 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate and is subject to recalibration annually until December 31, 2024. (R)

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VERIFICATION

I am Senior Vice President of Regulated Water Utility and an officer of Golden State Water Company ("GSWC"), and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf with respect to the customer notification for **Advice Letter No. 1911-W.** GSWC intends to provide customer notification to customers by: (check all that apply)

☐ Bill Insert

✓ Bill Message

☐ Individual Notice by Mail

☐ Electronic Mail

☐ Legal Notices Published in a Local Newspaper of General Circulation

☐ Other (please explain) _____

GSWC will include a bill message on each of its customers' first bill generated after **Advice Letter No. 1911-W** goes into effect, to inform them of the surcharge approved in the advice letter filing. In addition, a copy of this advice letter and the bill message will be posted on the Company's website. The foregoing statement is true of my own knowledge.

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

Executed on October 24, 2023, at San Dimas, California.

Paul Rowley
Senior Vice President of Regulated Water Utility
Golden State Water Company

Bill Message

Effective 1/1/2024 the Water Rights Memo Account temporary surcharge has decrease from $0.148 to $0.042 per Ccf, due to the annual review and recalibration, per CPUC Decision 13-05-011.

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

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