CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name:	**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY**	**Date Mailed to Service List:**	**11/15/2023**
District:	**Clearlake**		
CPUC Utility #:	**133 W**	**Protest Deadline (20th Day):**	**12/5/2023**
Advice Letter #:	**1913-W**	**Review Deadline (30th Day):**	**12/15/2023**
Tier	☒1 ☐2 ☐3 ☒Compliance	**Requested Effective Date:**	**1/1/2024**
Authorization	**D.23-06-024**	**Rate Impact:**	**$164,527 5.9%**
Description:	**2024 Escalation Increase**		

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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November 15, 2024

Advice Letter No. 1913-W **(U 133 W)**

California Public Utilities Commission

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

CPUC Sheet No	**Title of Sheet**	**Canceling CPUC Sheet No.**
Revised No. 9363-W	Schedule No. CL-1 Clearlake Customer Service Area General Metered Service, Page 1	Revised No. 9299-W
CANCEL	Schedule No. CL-1 Clearlake Customer Service Area General Metered Service, Page 3	Revised No. 9187-W
Revised No. 9364-W	Table of Contents, Page 4	Revised No. 9353-W
Revised No. 9365-W	Table of Contents , Page 1	Revised No. 9362-W

PURPOSE

This advice letter submittal seeks to implement Escalation Year 2024 water rates, as authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), for the Clearlake CSA. GSWC's request is pursuant to Decision No. 23-06-024, dated June 29, 2023 for General Rate Case Application No. 20-07-012.

Specifically, Ordering Paragraph No. 6 of the Decision states,

6. *For escalation years 2023 and 2024, Golden State Water Company (GSW) must file Tier 1 advice letters in conformance with General Order 96-B proposing new revenue requirements and corresponding revised tariff schedules for each ratemaking area in this proceeding. The advice letters must follow the escalation procedures set forth in the Revised Rate Case Plan for Class A Water Utilities adopted in Decision 07-05-062 and must include supporting workpapers. GSW must file for rate reduction if the escalation procedures result in a rate reduction due to negative rate base growth, inflation factors, or customer growth.*

The revised tariffs shall be effective as of January 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024, respectively, and apply to services rendered on and after their effective dates. The proposed revised revenue requirements and rates must be reviewed by the Commission's Water Division. The Water Division must inform the Commission if it finds that the revised rates do not conform to the Revised Rate Case Plan, this decision, or other Commission decisions, and if so, reject the filing.

COMPLIANCE

GSWC is filing this Tier 1 advice letter to implement rates for Escalation Year 2024. GSWC is authorized to increase rates in its Clearlake CSA by $164,527 or 5.9%. Accordingly, GSWC has computed the 2024 Escalation Year increase using the escalation methodology set forth in the Revised Rate Case Plan, the escalation factors as of October 2023, as published by the Public Advocates Office Water Branch, and the September 2023 CPI-U.

As authorized, the rates implemented in this advice letter include the authorized Cost of Capital rate adjustment for 2024, pursuant to D.23-06-025 and approved in GSWC Advice Letter No. 1910-W.

RATE OF RETURN

The following summary lists the Recorded, Authorized, and Pro-forma rates of return in GSWC's Clearlake CSA for twelve months ending September 2023. The pro forma rate of return is calculated in accordance with guidelines provided by the Water Division.

Recorded	8.06%
Authorized	7.50%
Adjusted Authorized	7.62%
Pro forma	6.57%

As shown above, the Pro-forma return is less than the Adjusted Authorized rate of return. As such, no earnings adjustment is required for the proposed 2024 water rate increase.

Detailed workpapers supporting the proposed rate increase and rate calculations are being supplied to the Commission Staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE

As directed, the effective date of these tariffs shall be January 1, 2024.

NOTICE

Customer Notice: This is a Tier 1 advice letter that does not require customer notification, as provided in Water Industry Rule 7.3.1 of General Order 96-B. GSWC will include a bill message on each customer's first bill after the increase goes into effect to inform its Clearlake customers of this rate increase.

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 advice letter. 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 (**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 are:

Email Address:	**Mailing Address:**
Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov	CA Public Utilities Commission Water Division 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 Golden State Water Company at:

Email Address:	**Mailing Address:**
regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com	Golden State Water Company Ronald Moore 630 East Foothill Blvd. San Dimas, CA 91773

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, within the 20-day protest period, so that a late filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

REPLIES

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by the Water Division 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/ Ronald Moore
Ronald Moore
Regulatory Affairs Department
Golden State Water Company

c: Jim Boothe, CPUC– Water Division
Richard Rauschmeier, CPUC- Water Branch, Cal PAO
Victor Chan, CPUC- Water Branch, Cal PAO

Schedule No. CL-1
Clearlake District
General Metered Service

APPLICABILITY
Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY
Clearlake Park and areas, Lake County.

RATES

	Per 1 CCF (100 cu. ft.)	Per 1 CGL (100 gal.)	
Quantity Rates:			
For all water delivered	$ 11.054	$ 1.4777	(I)

Service Charges:	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	$ 57.16	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	$ 85.74	
For 1-inch meter	$ 142.90	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	$ 285.80	
For 2-inch meter	$ 457.28	
For 3-inch meter	$ 857.40	
For 4-inch meter	$ 1,429.00	
For 6-inch meter	$ 2,858.00	
For 8-inch meter	$ 4,572.80	
For 10-inch meter	$ 6,573.40	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 5/8x 3/4-inch	$ 58.30	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 3/4-inch	$ 85.74	
Fire Sprinkler 1 ½-inch to 3/4-inch	$ 90.88	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 3/4-inch	$ 92.60	
Fire Sprinkler 1 ½-inch to 1-inch	$ 147.47	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 1-inch	$ 150.33	(I)

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

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Bay Point District			
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Schedule No. CL-1
Clearlake District
General Metered Service

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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