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:	**Simi Valley**		
CPUC Utility #:	**133 W**	**Protest Deadline (20th Day):**	**12/5/2023**
Advice Letter #:	**1919-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:**	**-$1,113,358 -6.7%**
Description:	**Simi Valley -Sales Reconciliation Mechanism Adjustment Rate Change**		

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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Signature: _____ **Comments:** _____

Date: _____

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November 15, 2023

Advice Letter No. 1919-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 its Simi Valley Customer Service Area ("CSA"):

CPUC Sheet No	Title of Sheet	Canceling CPUC Sheet No.
Revised No. 9399-W	Schedule No. SI-1-NR Simi Valley Customer Service Area Non-Residential Metered Service, Page 1	Revised No. 9393-W
Revised No. 9400-W	Schedule No. SI-1-R Simi Valley Customer Service Area Non-Residential Metered Service, Page 1	Revised No. 9395-W
Revised No. 9401-W	Table of Contents, Page 5	Revised No. 9397-W
Revised No. 9402-W	Table of Contents, Page 1	Revised No. 9398-W

PURPOSE

This advice letter requests approval of the rate changes as a result of the Sales Reconciliation Mechanism ("SRM") adjustment in the Simi Valley CSA. GSWC has calculated the adjustment to the revenue requirement and production costs in accordance with the SRM guidelines previously adopted in Decision No. ("D") 19-05-044, as described below, and as modified pursuant to D.23-06-024, GSWC's last General Rate Case.

In D. 19-05-044 and D.23-06-024, GSWC was granted authority to implement a SRM in ratemaking areas with a Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism ("WRAM"). The SRM would adjust the WRAM-related sales volumes in escalation years, if recorded sales for the twelve months ending September before the escalation year vary by more than 5% from the adopted WRAM sales volume for that CSA. If the trigger is met, adopted WRAM-related sales volumes would be adjusted by 50% of the variance. For the Simi Valley CSA, GSWC calculated the recorded WRAM-related sales for the period of October 2022 through September 2023 and compared the amounts to the WRAM-related sales for 2023 adopted in D.23-06-024, and adjusted in Advice Letter 1900-W. The recorded sales were 23.1% lower than adopted sales, therefore, the SRM is triggered and GSWC is authorized to decrease its overall WRAM-related sales forecast for 2024 by 50% of the recorded sales variation, which is 11.6%, revise the revenue requirement solely to flow-through the

change to purchased water and purchased power expenses associated with the sales forecast change, and calculate rates based on the adjusted sales.

DISCUSSION

The California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") issued D.23-06-024, adopting the Settlement Agreement between GSWC and the Commission's Public Advocates Office in A.20-07-012. Ordering Paragraph No. 1 in D.23-06-024 states the following:

> 1. *The Joint Motion of Golden State Water Company and the Public Advocates Office for the Adoption of a Settlement Agreement, filed November 23, 2021, is granted; and the Settlement Agreement attached to this decision as Appendix A is approved and adopted.*

Additionally, Section 4.4.2 - Special Request #3: Sales Reconciliation Mechanism of D.23-06-024, states, in part,

> *GSW requested authority to rename its Sales Adjustment Mechanism as the Sales Reconciliation Mechanism and maintain the Sales Reconciliation Mechanism through this rate cycle. Cal Advocates proposed certain conditions be attached to the authorization, and GSW has agreed to abide by those conditions. GSW also agreed to abide by whatever Commission decision is in effect at the time of its next General Rate Case filing regarding the renamed Sales Reconciliation Mechanism.*
>
> *Given how advanced the rate cycle for this proceeding is and the fact that sales are a matter of record now for the Test Year, as are the increased rain and snow falls during the last quarter of 2022, this decision approves this request and the terms agreed to by the Settling Parties as reasonable in light of the record, consistent with the law and in the public interest.*

SALES RECONCILIATION MECHANISM ("SRM")

The SRM, as adopted in D.23-06-024, is designed to trigger when actual WRAM-related sales vary from adopted WRAM-related sales by more than 5%. Current rates are to be recalculated incorporating a change in WRAM-related sales that is half of the total variation from recorded to adopted WRAM-related sales.

Since Simi Valley's recorded WRAM-related sales for the period October 2022 through September 2023 were 23.1% lower than the 2023 adopted WRAM-related sales, GSWC has calculated an adjusted 2024 revenue requirement that incorporates a change in production costs to reflect the change in forecasted sales volumes. As such, these are the new adopted revenue requirement, sales volumes and production costs. GSWC has attached the revised Adopted Supply Expense and Adopted Quantities for Simi Valley to this advice letter as **Attachment A** and **Attachment B**, respectively.

The new rates included in the advice letter are the rates that are needed to recover the revised revenue requirement using the adjusted sales volumes.

COMPLIANCE

As noted above, Simi Valley's SRM has been triggered, therefore, a sales adjustment, in accordance with the SRM guidelines, is required.

In compliance with the Settlement Agreement adopted in D. 23-06-024, GSWC is filing this Tier 1, stand-alone SRM advice letter, on the same date as the escalation review filing for the Simi Valley CSA. Both filings will have the same effective date of January 1, 2024.

The table below shows Simi Valley's revenue requirement with the escalation (2024 adopted), the SRM adjustment, and the new adopted revenue requirement.

CSA	2024 Adopted Revenues ($000)	SRM Adj. ($000)	2024 Adopted Revenues with SRM ($000)	Change
Simi Valley	$16,521.0	-$1,113.4	$15,407.6	-6.7%

Supporting workpapers are being provided to the Water Division and the Public Advocates Office, detailing the adjustment and rate calculations.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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 bill after the increase goes into effect to inform its Simi Valley 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.

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 are:

Email Address:	**Mailing Address:**
Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov	CA Public Utilities Commission Division of Water and Audits 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

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 at:

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

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.

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.

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

cc: Jim Boothe, CPUC– Water Division
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Schedule No. SI-1-NR
Simi Valley District
Non-Residential Metered Service

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service except those covered under SI-1-R, residential metered service.

TERRITORY

Portions of the City of Simi Valley and vicinity, Ventura County.

RATES

	Per 1 CCF (100 cu. ft.)	Per 1 CGL (100 gal.)	
Quantity Rates:			
For all water delivered	$ 4.679	$ 0.6255	(I)

Service Charges:	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	$ 22.14	(R)
For 3/4-inch meter	$ 33.21	
For 1-inch meter	$ 55.35	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	$ 110.70	
For 2-inch meter	$ 177.12	
For 3-inch meter	$ 332.10	
For 4-inch meter	$ 553.50	
For 6-inch meter	$ 1,107.00	
For 8-inch meter	$ 1,771.20	
For 10-inch meter	$ 2,546.10	
Fire Sprinkler 4-inch to 3-inch	$ 346.27	
Fire Sprinkler 6-inch to 1-1/2-inch	$ 201.03	
Fire Sprinkler 6-inch to 2-inch	$ 265.46	
Fire Sprinkler 6-inch to 3-inch	$ 380.14	
Fire Sprinkler 8-inch to 2-inch	$ 283.61	
Fire Sprinkler 8-inch to 3-inch	$ 398.30	(R)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge 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. SI-1-R
Simi Valley District
Residential Metered Service

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all residential metered water service provided to single-family residential customers.

TERRITORY

Portions of the City of Simi Valley and vicinity, Ventura County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	Per 1 CCF (100 cu. ft.)	Per 1 CGL (100 gal.)	
Tier 1 – First 10 ccf or 7,481 gallons	$ 4.679	$ 0.6255	(I)
Tier 2 – Next 12 ccf or 8,977 gallons	$ 5.381	$ 0.7193	(I)
Tier 3 – Over 22 ccf or 16,457 gallons	$ 6.189	$ 0.8273	(I)

Service Charges:	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	$ 20.32	(R)
For 3/4-inch meter	$ 30.48	
For 1-inch meter	$ 50.80	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	$ 101.60	
For 2-inch meter	$ 162.56	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 5/8x 3/4-inch	$ 21.13	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 3/4-inch	$ 30.89	
Fire Sprinkler 1 ½-inch to 3/4-inch	$ 34.75	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 3/4-inch	$ 36.37	
Fire Sprinkler 1 ½-inch to 1-inch	$ 54.46	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 1-inch	$ 55.88	(R)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge 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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Non-Residential Metered Service	SM-1-NR	9388-W, 9205-W, 9206-W, 9333-W	
Limited Metered Irrigation Service	SM-3ML	9390-W, 9385-W, 9335-W	
Simi Valley District			
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Attachment A

APPENDIX G
GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
SUPPLY EXPENSE SUMMARY
A.20-07-012
Simi Valley (RMA)
Revised

	$/AF	Tiers	2022	2023	2024
Supply Volume				**SRM**	
Wells Production (CCF)			381,430	381,430	381,430
Purchased Water (CCF)			2,261,604	2,203,999	1,913,058
Total Supply (CCF)			2,643,034	2,585,429	2,294,488
Supply Expenses					
Energy Cost - Electric					
Electric kwh			1,288,248	1,260,170	1,118,362
Total Energy Cost			$192,248	$188,057	$166,895
$/kwh			$0.149	$0.149	$0.149
Total Energy Cost - Gas			$2,112	$2,112	$2,179
Total Energy Cost			$194,359	$190,169	$169,074
SV-Calleguas MWD					
Purchased Supply Volume (in CCf)			2,261,604	2,203,999	1,913,058
Quantity Cost $	$1561.00 per AF		$8,104,600	$7,898,168	$6,855,563
Capacity Reservation Charge	$418,944.00		$418,944	$418,944	$418,944
Readiness To Serve	$395,076.00		$395,076	$395,076	$395,076
Total Cost			$8,918,620	$8,712,188	$7,669,583
$/CCF			$3.943	$3.953	$4.009
Chemical Cost			$186	$188	$192
Total Supply Expenses (Excl Chemicals)			$9,112,979.51	$8,902,357.53	$7,838,656.88

Attachment B

Appendix F
GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
SALES AND PRODUCTION - TEST YEAR 2022-2024
A.20-07-012
Simi Valley (RMA)
Revised

WATER CONSUMPTION

Classification	Service Connection			Usage (CCF/CUST)				Consumption (KCcf)		
					SRM	SRM			SRM	
METERED SERVICES :	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024		2022	2023	2024
Residential	12,716	12,759	12,802	138.1	134.6	119.0		1,755.7	1,716.8	1,523.2
							Tier 1	*1,211.4*	*1,184.6*	*1,051.0*
							Tier 2	*456.5*	*446.4*	*396.0*
							Tier 3	*87.8*	*85.8*	*76.2*
Commercial	676	685	694	681.6	664.3	587.4		460.8	455.0	407.6
Industrial	27	27	27	376.9	367.3	324.8		10.2	9.9	8.8
Public Authority	82	78	74	2,093.3	2,040.0	1,803.9		171.7	159.1	133.5
Irrigation	96	100	104	1,427.9	1,391.6	1,230.5		137.1	139.2	128.0
Other Sales	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0		-	-	-
Total Metered	13,597	13,649	13,701					2,535.326	2,480.0	2,201.1
PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION	183	186	189	0.9				0.2	0.2	0.2
Company Use	1	1	1	4,203.6				4.2	4.2	4.2
TOTAL CONNECTIONS	13,781	13,836	13,891					2,539.7	2,484.3	2,205.4
WATER LOSS	3.91%	3.91%	3.88%					103.3	101.1	89.0
TOTAL WATER PRODUCTION								2,643.0	2,585.4	2,294.5
Pumped(in KCF)								381.4	381.4	381.4
Purchased Water(in KCF)								2261.6	2204.0	1913.1
Surface Water(in KCF)								0.0	0.0	0.0

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

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