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 #:	1929-W
Tier	☒1 ☐2 ☐ Compliance
Authorization	Standard Practice U-27
Description:	Request to increase base rates to offset the increase in supply expense for purchased water.

Date Mailed to Service List:	11/28/2023
Protest Deadline (20th Day):	12/18/2023
Review Deadline (30th Day):	12/28/2023
Requested Effective Date:	1/1/2024
Rate Impact:	$207,353 1.16%

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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WATER DIVISION

November 28, 2023

Advice Letter No. 1929-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 tariff sheets applicable to its Santa Maria Customer Service Area:

CPUC Sheet No	**Title of Sheet**	**Canceling CPUC Sheet No.**
Revised No. 9474-W	Schedule No. SM-1-NR Santa Maria Customer Service Area Non-Residential Metered Service, Page 1	Revised No. 9388-W
Revised No. 9475-W	Schedule No. SM-1-NR Santa Maria Customer Service Area Non-Residential Metered Service, Page 4	Revised No. 9333-W
Revised No. 9476-W	Schedule No. SM-1-R Santa Maria Customer Service Area Residential Metered Service, Page 1	Revised No. 9389-W
Original No. 9477-W	Schedule No. SM-1-R Santa Maria Customer Service Area Residential Metered Service, Page 4	
Revised No. 9478-W	Schedule No. SM-3ML Santa Maria Customer Service Area Limited Metered Irrigation Service, Page 1	Revised No. 9390-W
Revised No. 9479-W	Schedule No. SM-3ML Santa Maria Customer Service Area Limited Metered Irrigation Service, Page 2	Revised No. 9385-W
Revised No. 9480-W	Table of Contents, Page 5	Revised No. 9447-W
Revised No. 9481-W	Table of Contents, Page 1	Revised No. 9473-W

GSWC is seeking authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to increase the water rates in its Santa Maria Customer Service Area (CSA) by $207,353 or 1.16% to offset purveyor rate changes for purchased water costs.

Background

Nipomo Community Service District purchase water expense has increased in 2024 and resulted in an increase in GSWC's Supplemental Water expense of $206,972 above the amount currently reflected in GSWC's rates. There were no changes to the rates for City of Santa Maria and Central Coast Water Authority for this filing.

Revenues to cover the supply expense rate changes would also increase the uncollectible and franchise fee expenses by $380 and $1 respectively, above the amounts currently reflected in GSWC's rates.

As shown in the workpapers, an increase of $207,353 or 1.16% to Adopted Gross Revenue is needed to offset the net supply costs increase in Santa Maria.

Copies of detailed workpapers supporting the proposed rate increase and rate calculations have been provided to the Commission Staff in accordance with Standard Practice U-27-W.

Effective Date

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation. GSWC is requesting this filing become effective 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 notify its customers of this rate increase by placing a message on the customer's water bills that are generated after the increase goes into effect.

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
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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
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Regulatory Analyst

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

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water services except those covered under Schedule No. SM-1-R, residential metered service.

TERRITORY

Within the established Santa Maria District, San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County and the unincorporated area known as Tract 151, and vicinity, located approximately 2 miles southeast of the community of Oceano, Cypress Ridge, San Luis Obispo County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	Per 1 CCF (100 cu. ft.)	Per 1 CGL (100 gal.)	
For all water delivered	$ 4.318	$ 0.5772	(I)

Service Charges:	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	$ 24.54	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	$ 36.81	
For 1-inch meter	$ 61.35	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	$ 122.70	
For 2-inch meter	$ 196.32	
For 3-inch meter	$ 368.10	
For 4-inch meter	$ 613.50	
For 6-inch meter	$ 1,227.00	
For 8-inch meter	$ 1,963.20	
For 10-inch meter	$ 2,822.10	
Fire Sprinkler 4-inch to 3-inch	$ 386.51	
Fire Sprinkler 6-inch to 2-inch	$ 309.69	
Fire Sprinkler 6-inch to 3-inch	$ 429.70	
Fire Sprinkler 8-inch to 2-inch	$ 333.25	(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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Schedule No. SM-1-NR
Santa Maria District
Non-Residential Metered Service

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

14. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission in D.23-06-024, an amount of $0.208 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. 1908-W. The surcharge recovers the difference between the interim rates and the final rates for the period of January 1, 2022 through July 30, 2023.

15. Beginning January 1, 2024, as required by Section 792.5 of the Public Utilities Code, an increase in purchased water of $1.87018/Ccf, relative to the Purchased Water cost adopted by Decision No. 23-06-024, and an associated revenue increase of 1.16%, are being tracked in a reserve account. (N) (N)

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

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

TERRITORY
Within the established Santa Maria District, San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County and the unincorporated area known as Tract 151, and vicinity, located approximately 2 miles southeast of the community of Oceano, San Luis Obispo County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	Per 1 CCF (100 cu. ft.)	Per 1 CGL (100 gal.)	
Tier 1 – First 14 ccf or 10,473 gallons	$4.3180	$0.5772	(I)
Tier 2 – Next 28 ccf or 20,945 gallons	$4.9660	$0.6639	(I)
Tier 3 – Over 42 ccf or 31,418 gallons	$5.7110	$ 0.7634	(I)

Service Charges:	Per Meter Per Month	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	$ 20.78	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	$ 31.17	
For 1-inch meter	$ 51.95	
For 1-1/2 inch meter	$ 103.90	
For 2-inch meter	$ 166.24	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 5/8x 3/4-inch	$ 22.03	
Fire Sprinkler 1-inch to 3/4-inch	$ 31.79	
Fire Sprinkler 1 ½-inch to 3/4-inch	$ 37.20	
Fire Sprinkler 1 ½-inch to 1-inch	$ 57.77	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 3/4-inch	$ 39.27	
Fire Sprinkler 2-inch to 1-inch	$ 59.85	(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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Schedule No. SM-1-R
Santa Maria District
Residential Metered Service

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

17. Beginning January 1, 2024, as required by Section 792.5 of the Public Utilities Code, an increase in purchased water of $1.87018/Ccf, relative to the Purchased Water cost adopted by Decision No. 23-06-024, and an associated revenue increase of 1.16%, are being tracked in a reserve account. (N) | (N)

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 (100 cu. ft.)	Per 1 CGL (100 gal.)	
Quantity Rates:			
For all water delivered	$ 2.769	$ 0.3702	(I)

Service Charges:	Per Meter Per Month	
For 3/4-inch meter	$ 104.27	(I)
For 1-inch meter	$ 117.21	(I)
For 3-inch meter	$ 275.71	(I)

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. 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,

5. 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.

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

6. Pursuant to D.13-05-011 and 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.

7. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, an amount of $0.129 per Ccf based on a 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 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. Beginning January 1, 2024, as required by Section 792.5 of the Public Utilities Code, an increase in purchased water of $1.187018/Ccf, relative to the Purchased Water cost adopted by Decision No. 23-06-024, and an associated revenue increase of 1.16%, are being tracked in a reserve account. (N) | (N)

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Santa Maria District			
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Golden State Water Company
Region 1 - Santa Maria District
Forecasted Supply Expenses Summary

Table 4-G

	D.23-06-024	D.23-06-024	AL 1916-W &1917-W with SRM
	2022	2023	2024
Supply Volume			
Wells Production (CCF)	3,256,732	3,292,922	3,042,792
Purchased Water (CCF)	110,670	110,669	110,670
Total Supply (CCF)	3,367,401	3,403,591	3,153,462
Supply Expenses			
Energy Cost - Electric			
Total Energy Cost - Electric Kwh	8,057,264	8,143,858	7,545,366
Total Energy Cost - SCE	$1,854,145	$1,874,072	$1,736,347
$/kwh	$0.230	$0.2301	$0.2301
Total Energy Cost - Gas	$1,367	$1,386	$1,411
Total Energy Cost	$1,855,512	$1,875,458	$1,737,757
Purchased Water Cost			
Purchased Supply Volume (in CCf)	110,670	110,669	110,670
Total Purchased Water Cost	$614,576	$614,576	$821,548
$/CCF	$5.553	$5.553	$7.4234
Chemical Cost	$102,117	$104,656	$107,687
Total Purchase/Pump/Lease Water Costs	$614,576.00	$614,576.00	$821,548.00

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

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