CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name:	Great Oaks Water Company	Date Mailed to Service List:	5/29/2025
District:	NA		
CPUC Utility #:	U-162-W	Protest Deadline (20 th Day):	6/18/2025
Advice Letter #:	330-W	Review Deadline (30 th Day):	6/30/2025
Tier	X1 2 3 Compliance	Requested Effective Date:	7/1/2025
Authorization	Gen. Order 96B, Ind. Rule 7.3.1(7) Pass through additional pump taxes	Rate Impact:	\$1,566,2603
Description:	Advice Letter requesting authorization for change in base rates due to higher pump taxes		5.9%

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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GREAT OAKS WATER COMPANY

May 29, 2025



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Sent via email to <u>water.division@cpuc.ca.gov</u>

California Public Utilities Commission Water Division Room 3102 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

Advice Letter 330-W Great Oaks Water Company (U-162-W) to the California Public Utilities Commission Requesting Authorization to Increase Revenue to Offset Increased Pump Tax

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) transmits this Tier 1 advice letter establishing a change in base rates to offset increased pump taxes being imposed upon Great Oaks by the Santa Clara Valley Water District effective July 1, 2025. The following changes in tariff schedules applicable to Great Oaks entire service area are proposed:

CPUC Sheet No.	Title of Tariff Sheet	Canceling Sheet No.
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Summary of Advice Letter 330-W

Great Oaks filed Advice Letter 330-W on May 29, 2025 to increase revenue to address higher groundwater production charges (pump taxes) levied by the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), effective July 1, 2025. On May 27, 2025, the Valley Water Board of Directors approved Staff recommended rates with no changes for the period of time from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. A copy of the Valley Water Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has requested that instead of recovering increased costs due to the higher pump taxes levied by Valley Water through a surcharge, Great Oaks should request the additional cost recovery through a change in base rates. This Advice Letter 330-W complies with the Water Division's request.

The increase in groundwater charges is included in the rates that will be established by the Commission's Decision in A.24-07-001. However, because the final decision has not yet been issued, it is uncertain whether Great Oaks will have sufficient time to implement the new rates by July 1, 2025. The increase in the groundwater charges is substantial and must be reflected in rates effective July 1, 2025 to better enable Great Oaks to cover the higher groundwater charges and to minimize any surcharges needed to recover the difference between the new and the prior groundwater charges levied by Valley Water, pending the final rates approved by the Commission for A.24-07-001.

The amount of groundwater charges included in Advice Letter 325-W-A's rate calculations was \$15,045,337. With the recent increase in groundwater charges, the total amount of groundwater charges projected for the 2025/2026 rate year has increased by \$1,531,928.¹

The increase in groundwater charges also results in increases in Account 775 Uncollectible Expenses (increase of \$3,007, from \$51,229 to \$54,235) and in Account 796 Franchise Requirements (increase of 31,325, from 535,606 to \$566,931). The total increase in the revenue requirement resulting from the increase in groundwater charges is \$1,566,260, from \$26,780,279 to

¹ See Advice Letter 330-W Exhibit B Workpapers, at WP-1.

\$28,346,539. This represents an increase in the revenue requirement of 5.8% over the revenue requirement from the previous Advice Letter 328-W.

Other Pending Advice Letter

No pending advice letters.

Effects on Average Customer Bills

The effect of the new and higher pump tax on the bill of an average singlefamily residential customer with a 3/4" x 3/4" meter using 10 CCF of water per month is \$7.81 (5.84%) per <u>bimonthly bill</u>, as shown in the following table taken from the Exhibit B Workpapers, page WP-3.

			Bill Co	mparison			
Averag	Average Single-Family Residential Customer with ¾" x ¾" Meter Using 10 ccf per Month						
At	AL 328-W R	ates		At	AL 330-W Rate	s	
Item	Amount	Units	Total	Item	Amount	Units	Total
Monthly Serv Chrg	\$23.10	2	\$46.20	Monthly Serv Chrg	\$23.10	2	\$46.20
Tier 1	\$3.5588	12	\$42.71	Tier 1	\$3.8450	12	\$46.14
Tier 2	\$6.1416	8	\$49.13	Tier 2	\$6.6355	8	\$53.08
CAP Surch	\$0.1370	20	\$2.74	CAP Surch	\$0.1370	20	\$2.74
Surcredit			-\$14.23	Surcredit			-\$14.23
Subtotal			\$126.55	Subtotal			\$133.93
CPUC Fee	0.68%		\$0.86	CPUC Fee	0.68%		\$0.91
Subtotal			\$127.41	Subtotal			\$134.84
SJ Utility Tax	5%		\$6.37	SJ Utility Tax	5%		\$6.74
Total			\$133.78	Total			\$141.59

No Effect on Water Service

This Advice Letter filing will not cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

Effective Date – July 1, 2025

The base rates established through this Advice Letter become effective July 1, 2025.

Tier Designation

This is a Tier 1 Advice Letter pursuant to General Order 96-B and Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(7).

Notice and Service

A Public Notice addressing the rate changes was published as a legal notice in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C in the San Jose Mercury News, a newspaper of local circulation, pursuant to General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 3.1. Proof of publication is attached hereto A copy of this Advice Letter is also being served upon the Distribution List provided below.

Protests and Responses

Anyone may protest and respond to this Advice Letter. 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 Advice Letter in whole or in part and must set forth specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds may be based upon the following:

(1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the Advice Letter; or

(2) The relief requested in the Advice Letter would violate a statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies; or

(3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the Advice Letter contain material error or omissions; or

(4) The relief requested in the Advice Letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or

(5) The relief requested in the Advice Letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the Advice Letter process; or

(6) The relief requested in the Advice Letter 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).

Any Protest or Response must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division of the Commission within 20 days of the date this Advice Letter is filed. The Advice Letter process does not provide for any Protests, Responses or other comments, except for a reply by Great Oaks, after the 20-day comment period expires. The address for mailing or delivering a Protest or Response is:

> Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date any Protest or Response is submitted to the Water Division, the protesting or responding person, entity or party must serve a copy of the Protest or Response on Great Oaks addressed to Juan Liem, Great Oaks Water Co., PO Box 23490, San Jose, CA 95153, 408-227-9540, 408 227-7126 (fax), email: jliem@greatoakswater.com.

Great Oaks Water Company

/s/_____

Juan Liem Treasurer and Secretary

VERIFICATION

I am an officer of the Great Oaks Water Company and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. The statements in the foregoing document, Great Oaks Water Co.'s Advice Letter 330-W, are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters that are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

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

Executed on May 29, 2025 at Dallas, Texas.

<u>/s/</u> Juan Liem

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of Great Oaks Water Co.'s Advice Letter 330-W on the parties listed on the following Distribution List by mailing a properly addressed copy by email (designated (e)) or first class mail with postage prepaid. Workpapers are available upon request.

Executed on May 29, 2025 at Dallas, Texas.

<u>/s/</u> Juan Liem

Great Oaks Water Co. Distribution List

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*Exhibit B available upon request to jliem@greatoakswater.com

Great Oaks Water Company Advice Letter 330-W

Proposed Tariff Sheets

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Resolution No.

	ule No. 1 <u>TERED SERVICE</u>	
APPLICABILITY		
Applicable to all metered water service.		
TERRITORY		
The area is Southeast San Jose, East of Snell Road	and South of Hellyer Park.	
DATEC		
RATES		
Quantity Rates:	Per Meter Per Month	~
For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. Ft.	\$ 5.4079	(I)
Service Charge:		
For $5/8x3/4$ -inch meter	\$ 15.40	
For 3/4-inch meter	23.10	
For 1-inch meter	38.50	
For 1 1/2-inch meter	77.00	
For 2-inch meter	123.19	
For 3-inch meter	230.99	
For 4-inch meter	384.98	
For 6-inch meter	769.97	
For 8-inch meter	1,231.95	
For 10-inch meter	1,770.92	
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The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is 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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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. <u>1088-W</u> Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. <u>1081-W</u>

<u>GENERAL</u>	chedule No. 1 <u>METERED SERVICE</u> Fiered Rates	
Designed and Ordered by th	California Public Utilities Commission	
<u>APPLICABILITY</u> Applicable to all single-family residential ser	vices only.	
<u>TERRITORY</u> The area is Southeast San Jose, East of Snell	Road and South of Hellyer Park.	
RATES		
Quantity Rates (Tiered Rates): For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. F	Per Meter/Per Month	
For total bi-monthly usage from 0 to	2 Ccf. \$ 3.8450	(I)
For total bi-monthly usage above 12 t		(I)
For total bi-monthly usage over 20 C		(I)
Service Charge (Conservation Rates):		
For $5/8x3/4$ -inch meter	\$ 15.40	
For $3/4x3/4$ -inch meter	23.10	
For 1-inch meter	38.50	
For 1 ¹ / ₂ -inch meter	77.00	
For 2-inch meter	123.19	
For 3-inch meter	230.99	
For 4-inch meter	384.98	
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Effective Date: _____

Resolution No.

Schedule No. 3M IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The area in Southeast San Jose, East of Snell Road and South of Hellyer Park.

RATES

Quantity Rates: For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. Ft.	Per Meter Per Month \$ 5.4079	(I)
Service Charge:		
For 2-inch meter	\$ 123.19	
For 3-inch meter	230.99	
For 4-inch meter	384.98	
For 6-inch meter	769.97	
For 8-inch meter	1,231.95	
For 10-inch meter	1,770.92	

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

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Schedule No. 3M IRRIGATION SERVICE (Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The Santa Clara Valley Water District requires the customer to certify the water is used to irrigate commercial agricultural crops for sale to qualify for this rate. It is an express condition of this Irrigation Service that the customer cooperates in making the necessary certification to the Water District.

2. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has surcharges or discounts applicable to water used to irrigate commercial agricultural crops if the customer/farmer participates in the Water District's special programs. These surcharges or discounts are applied per Acre Ft., are granted or imposed by the Water District each month based on the customer/farmer's level of participation, and will be passed through by the Company each month to the customer/farmer.

3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.

4. To provide funding for the Utility's Customer Assistance Program (CAP), as described in Tariff Rule 22, a surcharge of \$0.1370 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all water sold to non-CAP participants on and after January 7, 2025.

5. Customers who receive water deliveries for agricultural purposes under this schedule, and who present evidence to the Utility that such deliveries qualify for the lower pump tax rates levied by the Santa Clara Valley Water District for agricultural water, shall receive a credit of \$4.1434 per 100 (R) cu.ft. used during the period covered by that bill on and after July 1, 2025.

6. To refund a net over-collection in authorized balancing and memorandum accounts, a credit in the total amount of \$156.56 will be applied to the service charge portion of each customer's bill over a period of twenty-two months after the effective date of Advice Letter 326-W-A, January 1, 2025. The amount of the credit per two-months billing cycle will be \$14.23 over eleven billing cycles. The amount of the credit per one-month billing cycle will be \$7.12 over twenty-two billing cycles. Only customers with accounts established by December 31, 2023, will receive the credit against the service charge.

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Schedule No. 6 CONTRACT RESALE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Potable water metered service delivered to a water retailer by contract at location outside the Company's certified service territory.

TERRITORY

Wholesale water service may be obtained for use outside the Company's certified service territory.

RATES

Quantity Rates: For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. Ft.	\$ 5.4079	(I)
Service Charge:	Per Meter <u>Per Month</u>	
For 2-inch meter	\$ 123.19	
For 3-inch meter	230.99	
For 4-inch meter	384.98	
For 6-inch meter	769.97	
For 8-inch meter	1,231.95	
For 10-inch meter	1,770.92	
For 12-inch meter	2,540.89	

The Meter Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is 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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BOARD OF DIRECTORS SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

DETERMINING GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) does find and declare as follows:

- 1. That pursuant to Section 26.5 of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act ("District Act"), a written report detailing Valley Water's activities in the protection and augmentation of the water supplies of Valley Water has been prepared including: a financial analysis of Valley Water's water utility system, information as to the present and future water requirements of Valley Water, the water supply available to Valley Water, and future capital improvements and maintenance and operating requirements; a method of financing such requirements; a recommendation as to whether or not the groundwater production charge should continue to be levied in any zone or zones of Valley Water during the ensuing fiscal year; and a proposal of a rate per acre-foot for agricultural water and a rate per acre-foot for all water other than agricultural water for Zones W-2, W-5, W-7, and W-8;
- 2. That on the 28th day of February 2025, said report was duly delivered to the Clerk of the Valley Water Board;
- 3. That the Clerk, pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act, gave due notice of the receipt of the report and of a public hearing to be held commencing on the 8th day of April 2025, by teleconference, videoconference, or both and in-person attendance at the time stated;
- 4. That on February 28, 2025, written notice was mailed to all owners and operators of water-producing facilities within Valley Water's boundaries, advising of the proposed groundwater production charge rates to be levied, and of the opportunities to be heard concerning such charges;
- 5. That pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act, on the 8th day of April 2025, at 1 p.m. a public hearing upon said report was duly commenced, and was continued for further hearing to the evening of April 25, 2025, in Morgan Hill, California, and continued again to the afternoon of May 16, 2025, whereupon the hearing was concluded, more than 45 days after notice of the hearing was given;
- 6. That during said public hearing, additional information and evidence was provided that was considered by the Board in making its decision on groundwater production charges, and the public and all persons subject to groundwater production charges were invited to speak or present written comments at the public hearing;
- 7. That the charges established by this resolution are for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing, maintaining, and operating facilities to import water into Valley Water; paying the cost of purchasing imported water; paying the cost of constructing, maintaining, and operating facilities for groundwater recharge, surface distribution, and the purification and treatment of water; and paying the principal and interest of any bonded indebtedness or other financial obligations of Valley Water incurred for those purposes;

- 8. That this Board considered all comments objecting to the proposed groundwater production charge increases for Zones W-2, W-5, W-7, and W-8;
- 9. That this Board, based on the whole record before it, finds that the revenues derived from the groundwater production charges will not exceed the funds required to provide services to Zones W-2, W-5, W-7, and W-8, as authorized under the District Act, and that the amount levied does not and will not exceed the proportional cost of service; and
- 10. That the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to approval of these charges.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District as follows:

FIRST: Valley Water activities in the geographic area identified as Zone W-2 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone and water imported into such zone; Valley Water activities in the geographic area of Valley Water identified as Zone W-5 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone and water imported into such zone; Valley Water activities in the geographic area of Valley Water activities as Zone W-5 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater imported into such zone; Valley Water activities in the geographic area of Valley Water identified as Zone W-7 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone and water imported into such zone; and Valley Water activities in the geographic area of Valley Water identified as Zone W-8 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone; and water imported into such zone. Revenues derived from groundwater production charges shall be used only for such activities as authorized under the District Act.

SECOND: Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2025–2026 groundwater production charge (per acre-foot) for agricultural water and for all water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-2 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2025–2026 (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026) at the following per acre-foot rates:

Water Other Than Agricultural	Agricultural Water
\$2,450.00	\$43.00

THIRD: Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2025–2026 groundwater production charge (per acre-foot) for agricultural water and for all water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-5 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2025–2026 (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026) at the following per acre-foot rates:

Water Other Than Agricultural	Agricultural Water
\$624.50	\$43.00

FOURTH: Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2025–2026 groundwater production charge (per acre-foot) for agricultural water and for all water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and

are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-7 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2025–2026 (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026) at the following per acre-foot rates:

Water Other Than Agricultural	Agricultural Water
\$834.50	\$43.00

FIFTH: Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2025–2026 groundwater production charge (per acre-foot) for agricultural water and for all water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-8 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2025–2026 (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026) at the following per acre-foot rates:

Water Other Than Agricultural	Agricultural Water
\$464.00	\$43.00

SIXTH: Notice of the setting of groundwater production charges in the identified rates shall be given as provided in Section 26.8 of the District Act.

SEVENTH: The groundwater production charges set forth in this resolution shall be in effect until subsequent action of this Board modifying them.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on May 27, 2025:

- AYES: Directors
- NOES: Directors
- ABSENT: Directors
- ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

TONY ESTREMERA Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: CANDICE KWOK-SMITH

Clerk, Board of Directors

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GREAT OAKS WATER COMPANY NOTICE OF ESCALATION YEAR RATE CHANGES AUTHORIZED BY CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) has filed Advice Letter 330-W (AL 330-W) with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting authorization to address higher groundwater charges (pump taxes) recently adopted by the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Current rates will apply to water sold through June 30, 2025 and will then be replaced by the new AL 330-W rates. The AL 330-W rates will increase Great Oaks' total revenue requirement by \$1,566,260 (5.85%), from \$26,780,279 to \$28,346,539. As shown in the table below, the average single-family residential customer bill will increase by \$7.81 (5.84%). Complete copies of the AL filings are available at www.greatoakswater.com.

Bill Comparison

Current Ra	tes Based on AL	328-W			AL 330-W	
<u>Item</u>	Amount	<u>Units</u>	Total	Item	Amount	<u>Units</u>
Monthly Service Charge	\$23.10	2	\$46.20	Monthly Service Charge	\$23.10	2
Tier 1	\$3.5588	12	\$42.71	Tier 1	\$3.8450	12
Tier 2	\$6.1416	8	\$49.13	Tier 2	\$6.6355	8
CAP Surcharge	\$0.1370	20	\$2.74	CAP Surcharge	\$0.1370	20
AL 326-W Surcredit			-\$14.23	AL 326-W Surcredit		
Subtotal			\$126.55	Subtotal		
CPUC Fee	0.68%		\$0.86	CPUC Fee	0.68%	
Subtotal			\$127.41	Subtotal		
SJ Utility Tax	5.00%		\$6.37	SJ Utility Tax	5.00%	
Total			\$133.78	Total		

<u>Protests and Responses</u>: Anyone may protest and respond to this Advice Letter. A Response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the Advice Letters. A Protest objects to the Advice Letter in whole or in part and must set forth specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds may be based upon the following:

(1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the Advice Letters; or

(2) The relief requested in the Advice Letters would violate a statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies; or

(3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the Advice Letters contain material error or omissions; or

(4) The relief requested in the Advice Letters is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or

(5) The relief requested in the Advice Letters requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the Advice Letter process; or

(6) The relief requested in the Advice Letters 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).

Any Protest or Response must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division of the Commission within 20 days of the date this Advice Letters are filed. The Advice Letter process does not provide for any Protests, Responses or other comments, except for a reply by Great Oaks Water Company, after the 20-day comment period expires. The address for mailing or delivering a Protest or Response is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date any Protest or Response is submitted to the Water Division, the protesting or responding person, entity or party must serve a copy of the Protest or Response on Great Oaks addressed to Juan Liem, Great Oaks Water Co., 20 Great Oaks Blvd. Suite 120, San Jose, CA 95119, 408-227-9540, 408 227-7126 (fax), jliem@greatoakswater.com.