

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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November 30, 2021

Ronald K. Moore
Senior Regulatory Analyst
Golden State Water Company
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773

Dear Mr. Moore,

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has approved Golden State Water Company's Advice Letter No. 1864, filed on October 20, 2021, regarding annual recalibration of Memo account surcharge for tariff schedule SM-1-R, SM-1-NR & SM-3ML.

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets, effective December 1, 2021, for the utility's files:

P.U.C.	
Sheet No.	Title of Sheet
8989-W	Schedule No. SM-1-NR, Santa Maria Customer Service Area Non-Residential Metered Service, Page 2
8990-W	Schedule No. SM-1-R, Santa Maria Customer Service Area Residential Metered Service, Page 2
8991-W	Schedule No. SM-3ML, Santa Maria Customer Service Area Limited Metered Irrigation Service, Page 1
8992-W	Table of Contents, Page 3
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Please contact Jeremy Ho at JRY@cpuc.ca.gov or 415-703-1905, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

Date Mailed to Service List: 10/20/2021

District: SANTA MARIA

CPUC Utility #: 133 W

Protest Deadline (20th Day): 11/9/2021

Advice Letter #: 1864-W

Review Deadline (30th Day): 11/19/2021

Tier 1 2 B Compliance

Requested Effective Date: 12/1/2021

Authorization D.07-05-041,D.13-05-011 & D.19-05-044

Rate Impact: \$0.00

Description: Annual recalibration of Memo account surcharge for tariff schedule SM-1-R, SM-1-NR & SM-3ML.

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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

APPROVED

WITHDRAWN

REJECTED

Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____



October 20, 2021

Advice Letter No. 1864-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):

<u>CPUC Sheet No</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
Revised No. 8989-W	Schedule No. SM-1-NR Santa Maria Customer Service Area Non-Residential Metered Service, Page 2	Revised No. 8922-W
Revised No. 8990-W	Schedule No. SM-1-R Santa Maria Customer Service Area Residential Metered Service, Page 2	Revised No. 8924-W
Revised No. 8991-W	Schedule No. SM-3ML Santa Maria Customer Service Area Limited Metered Irrigation Service, Page 1	Revised No. 8925-W
Revised No. 8992-W	Table of Contents Page 3	Revised No. 8984-W
Revised No. 8993-W	Table of Contents Page 1	Revised No. 8988-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.

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 \$0.126 per Ccf implemented in Advice Letter 1830-W, which became effective December 1, 2020. 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 be increased to \$0.128 per Ccf beginning December 1, 2021.

Supporting workpapers detailing GSWC's calculations for the Santa Maria Water Rights Memorandum Account surcharge will be provided to the Water Division and the Public Advocates Office.

Tier Designation

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation. GSWC is requesting that this filing become effective on December 1, 2021.

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 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 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.

The Water Division (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:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

Mailing Address:

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:

regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com

Mailing Address:

Gladys Estrada
Golden State Water Company
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 WD, 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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gladys Estrada
Gladys Estrada
Regulatory Analyst

c: Jim Boothe, CPUC - Water Division
Victor Chan Ma, CPUC- CalPA
Richard Rauschmeier, CPUC- CalPA
Jeremy Ho, CPUC- Water Division

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
2. As authorized by Rule 9.1.e. for customers with more than one meter on a single service line, the customer's service charge rate is based on a factor multiplied by the service charge applicable to the nearest standard meter size of the combined meters as determined by the equivalent diameter methodology.
3. Non-residential Sprinkler rates can be added as needed utilizing the multiplication factors identified in Appendix F of D. 17-03-001, applied to the 5/8" meter charge.
4. Pursuant to Decision No. 19-05-044 and Advice Letter No. 1842-W, a surcharge of \$0.095 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, to recover the Santa Maria Water Rights Litigation post expense balance as of December 31, 2005 a surcharge of \$0.128 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate and is subject to recalibration annually until May 21, 2023 or until the SMWRMA is fully recovered, whichever is sooner. (I)
6. 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.
7. Beginning July 1, 2021, as required by Section 792.5 of the Public Utilities Code, an increase in purchased power of \$0.02730/kWh and \$0.52496/Therms and an increase in purchased water of \$1.99923/Ccf, relative to the Purchased Power and Purchased Water cost adopted by Decision No. 19-05-044, and an associated revenue increase of 2.3%, are being tracked in a reserve account.

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Advice Letter No. 1864-W
Decision No. _____

Issued By
R. J. Sprowls
President

(To be inserted by P.U.C.)

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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. 19-05-044 and Advice Letter No. 1842-W, a surcharge of \$0.095 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

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to metered irrigation water service.

TERRITORY

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

RATES

Quantity Charge:	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>
For all water, per 100 cubic feet (Ccf)	\$ 2.427
Monthly Service Charge:	
For 3/4-inch meter	\$ 92.35
For 1 - inch meter	\$ 103.82
For 3 - inch meter	\$ 244.19

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.
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 President

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VERIFICATION

I am Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for, 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. 1864-W**. GSWC intends to provide customer notification of **Advice Letter No. 1864-W** to affected 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 the rate change goes into effect to inform them of the rate change approved in **Advice Letter No. 1864-W**. Additionally, a copy of this advice letter and the bill message is 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 this 20th day of October 2021, at San Dimas, California.

/s/ Keith Switzer

Keith Switzer
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
Golden State Water Company

Bill Message

Effective 12/1/2021 the Water Rights Memo Account temporary surcharge has increased from \$0.126 to \$0.128 per Ccf, due to the annual review and recalibration, per CPUC Decision 13-05-011.

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

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