# Adopted 2025-27 Infrastructure Investments and Water Rates

Customer Service Area: Arden-Cordova

**CUSTOMER SERVICE AREA** 

LOCAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Golden State Water provides reliable, high-quality drinking water to approximately 17,280 customers in the Arden Cordova Customer Service Area (CSA), which includes portions of Rancho Cordova, Gold River, Arden Manor and Robbins.

In January of 2025, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adopted Golden State Water Company (Golden State Water) 2023 General Rate Case (GRC), The rate plan includes local infrastructure investments and water rates for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027.

The rates support our long-term commitment to providing our customers with high-quality water and reliable service, avoiding the costly and sometimes dangerous effects of deferring maintenance or delaying the replacement of aging infrastructure.

## **INVESTMENTS**

The rates adopted for 2025-2027 will provide customers with long-term value by investing over **\$26.1 million** in needed capital investments and maintenance of local water infrastructure essential to the delivery and treatment of reliable, quality water.

Investments in the Arden-Cordova Service Area include but are not limited to a new well essential to the delivery of reliably clean water, upgrading water treatment facilities essential to the delivery of reliably clean water, upgrades to a water reservoir, water purification equipment, main and meter replacements, installing safety equipment and backup generators to reduce the dependence on the electrical grid during catastrophic events. As part of our commitment to reliability and public safety, Golden State Water proactively invests in upgrading and maintaining its fire hydrants.



We never want customers to think twice about the quality of the water

## **RATE-MAKING PRINCIPLES**



Prioritize the safety and dependability of the local water system.



Protect the environment by reducing the company's carbon footprint and its energy demands.

#### coming from their taps.





Mitigate the impact climate change will have on future water supplies by replacing deteriorating water infrastructure and increasing water storage.



Uphold the fundamental right of every Californian to access safe, clean and affordable water.





# Proactive Investments in Water Quality & Reliability **Provide Customers** Long-Standing Value

## THE RATE MAKING PROCESS

As a state-regulated utility, Golden State Water must submit a General Rate Case (GRC) application every three years, as set forth by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). For example, the 2020 GRC introduced rates for 2022-24, and three years later, the 2023 GRC application introduces rates for 2025-27. The CPUC requires reasonable rates that reflect the total cost of providing water service, maintaining the infrastructure, and making needed system improvements.

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### **2025 WATER RATES**

Customer bills are determined based on the cost-of-service, maintenance, and investments required to maintain a reliable and quality water system. Other factors include but are not limited to, regulatory costs and taxes, inflation, rising energy and fuel costs, and increasing construction costs to replace aging infrastructure. The new rates went into effect February 1, 2025.

The average **residential customer** in the Arden Cordova Customer Service Area with a 3/4" meter using 8,228 gallons (1,100 cubic feet or 11 Ccf) per month will see their 2024 monthly bill increase from **\$41.36** to **\$47.15**, effective Feb. 1, 2025 (excluding any applicable surcharges).

The rate-making process is open and transparent, with opportunities for customers to offer public comments. The Commission's Public Advocates Office is charged with ensuring the lowest possible rates without compromising public health and safety. Golden State Water shared a notice of the proposed rates with customers and in local newspapers.

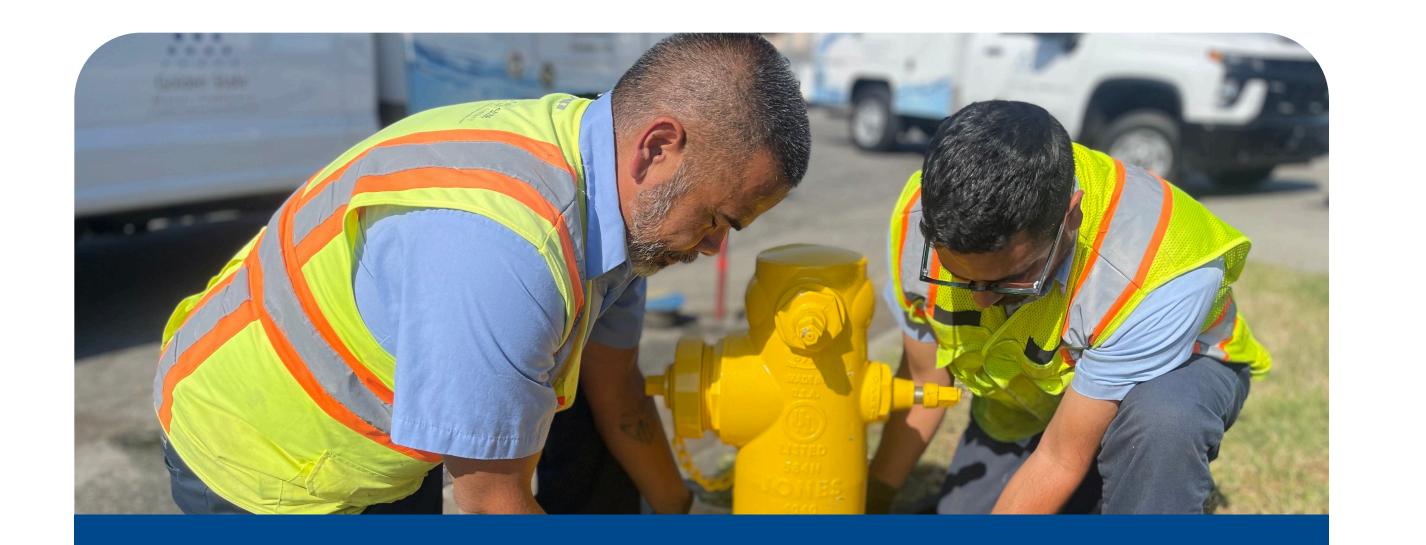
To learn more about the rate-making process,

The average **commercial customer** in the Arden Cordova Customer Service Area with a 2" meter using 90,508 gallons (12,100 cubic feet or 121 Ccf) per month will see their 2024 monthly bill increase from **\$422.94** to **\$502.81** effective Feb. 1, 2025 (excluding any applicable surcharges).



#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Golden State Water offers a monthly credit for low-income customers who qualify for the Customer Assistance Program (CAP). Customers with questions about the CAP program or eligibility are encouraged to visit gswater.com/ post/customer-assistance-program or call the CAP Hotline at 866.360.2279.



#### **CONTROLLING WATER BILLS**

To learn more about the rate-making process, visit www.gswater.com/2025-27rates.

Golden State Water continues its tiered rate structure by expanding the middle tier to help customers conserve water and control their water bills.