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**NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC FORUM (Public Participation Hearing)
Golden State Water Company's Request to Increase Water Rates
CLEARLAKE SERVICE AREA
APPLICATION 23-08-010**

How can I participate?

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear from you. You are invited to participate in a Public Forum, also called a Public Participation Hearing (PPH), about GSWC's general rate case (GRC) application.

These Public Forums are part of the proceeding that will be documented and placed into the formal record so the CPUC can make a decision about GSWC's request. You can make comments and raise concerns to the CPUC Administrative Law Judge overseeing this application.

You can also provide written public comments at any time during the proceeding at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2308010.

Where and when will these Public Forums be held?

The virtual hearings can be viewed by internet, or listened to by phone, with the information below. If you wish to make a public comment, please participate by phone using the phone number below, press *1, unmute your phone and provide your name when prompted.

Date	Time	Details
June 24, 2024	6:00pm	Phone number: 800-857-1917 Passcode: 6032788# Dial *1 if you wish to make a comment Webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/

For updates and additional information, please visit: www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph.

Please note: If you need a language interpreter, contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office using the contact information at the end of this notice at least five business days before the public forum.

Why am I receiving this notice?

On August 14, 2023, GSWC filed its GRC application (A.23-08-010) with the CPUC. In this application, GSWC is requesting to consolidate its Arden Cordova and Clearlake Customer Service Areas under a new Northern Region consolidated rate structure for both its residential and nonresidential customers.

The table below shows the annual changes in the revenue requirement requested by GSWC. It includes both the requested amount for the consolidated Northern Region (if approved) and for the stand-alone Clearlake area (if the consolidation is not approved).

	Increase 2025		Increase 2026		Increase 2027		Total Increase	
Northern Consolidated	\$4,199,100	21.39%	\$1,683,600	6.95%	\$1,834,200	6.97%	\$7,716,900	35.31%
Clearlake	\$649,800	22.64%	\$316,800	8.91%	\$357,000	9.17%	\$1,323,600	40.72%

If the CPUC approves this application, GSWC will recover forecasted costs in rates over a three-year period beginning January 1, 2025. This will impact your bill.

Why is GSWC requesting this rate increase?

The purpose of this GRC is for GSWC to cover its anticipated costs from 2025 through 2027 for:

- Improvements to the water supply system
- Depreciation expenses
- Federal income tax
- Property taxes
- Allocated general office and district office expenses

How could this affect my monthly bill?

Consolidated Rate Structure Bill Impact

Under GSWC's proposal to consolidate rates, metered rates in Clearlake would be frozen at their present level, **excluding any applicable surcharges or credits**. However, GSWC is proposing an increase to the general Schedule AA-4 (Private Fire Service) from \$6.50 to \$8.00 per inch of diameter of service connection.

Stand-alone Bill Impact

If the proposed application is approved by the CPUC but the requested consolidated rate structure is denied, the average residential customer with a 5/8 x 3/4" meter using 5 Ccf (1 Ccf = 748 gallons) would see a monthly bill increase of \$24.06 (or 22.66%), from \$106.17 to \$130.23 in 2025. In 2026 the average residential customer would see a monthly bill increase of \$11.63 (or 8.93%), from \$130.23 to \$141.86, and a monthly bill increase of \$13.03 (or 9.19%), from \$141.86 to \$154.89 in 2027, **excluding any applicable surcharges or credits**.

The table below shows the proposed revenue increases by customer class for Clearlake if GSWC's Special Request for the Northern Consolidation of Arden Cordova and Clearlake districts is not approved:

Proposed Revenue Increases (Dollars in Thousands)

Description Customer Class	Present Revenue	2025 Increase		2026 Increase		2027 Increase		Total Increase	
	\$	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Residential	2,583.0	585.3	22.7%	285.7	8.9%	321.7	9.2%	1,192.7	40.8%
Commercial	281.5	64.1	22.8%	31.1	8.9%	35.2	9.2%	130.5	40.9%
Industrial	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Public Authority	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Irrigation	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Private Fire	1.6	0.4	23.1%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.4	23.1%
TOTAL	2,866.0	649.8	22.6%	316.8	8.9%	357.0	9.2%	1,323.6	40.7%

How does the rest of the process work?

This application has been assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt GSWC's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review GSWC's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on GSWC's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision. Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2308010 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Where can I get more information?

Contact Golden State Water

Phone: 24-hour Customer Service Center **1-800-999-4033** (toll-free) or TTY 1-877-933-9533
Email: customerservice@gswater.com
Mail: 630 East Foothill Boulevard, Attn: Regulatory Affairs Dept., San Dimas, CA 91773

A copy of GSWC's application and related exhibits are available at www.gswater.com/2025-27rates.

Contact the CPUC

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free)
Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **Application 23-08-010** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.