

**NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC FORUM (Public Participation Hearing)
Golden State Water Company's Request to Increase Water Rates
SANTA MARIA 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, please 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. The application is requesting authorization to increase revenues in the Santa Maria service area by \$5,092,900 (or 32.05%) for 2025, \$1,338,400 (or 6.33%) in 2026, and \$1,438,800 (or 6.36%) in 2027. The total requested increase for all three years combined would be \$7,870,100 (or 44.74%).

If the CPUC approves this application, GSWC will recover forecasted costs in rates over a three-year period beginning January 1, 2025. This will increase 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
- Purchased power
- Depreciation expenses
- Allocated general office and district office expenses
- Property taxes

How could this affect my monthly bill?

If the proposed application is approved by the CPUC, the average residential customer with a 5/8 x 3/4" meter using 13 Ccf (1 Ccf = 748 gallons) would see a monthly bill increase of \$22.03 (or 32.43%), from \$67.94 to \$89.97 in 2025, \$5.72 (or 6.36%), from \$89.97 to \$95.69 in 2026, and \$6.12 (or 6.40%), from \$95.69 to \$101.81 in 2027, **excluding any applicable surcharges.**

The proposed revenue increases by customer class are shown below:

Proposed Revenue Increases (Dollars in Thousands)

Description Customer Class	Present Revenue	2025 Increase		2026 Increase		2027 Increase		Total Increase	
	\$	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Residential	12,732.0	4,067.4	31.9%	1,072.1	6.4%	1,153.7	6.4%	6,293.2	44.7%
Commercial	2,379.4	779.0	32.7%	204.4	6.4%	218.2	6.3%	1,201.6	45.5%
Industrial	2.6	0.8	29.8%	0.2	6.4%	0.2	6.3%	1.2	42.5%
Public Authority	209.6	71.9	34.3%	18.0	6.4%	19.0	6.4%	108.9	47.1%
Irrigation	495.0	163.3	33.0%	43.7	6.4%	47.7	6.4%	254.6	45.8%
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Private Fire	45.9	10.6	23.1%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	10.6	23.1%
TOTAL	15,864.3	5,092.9	32.0%	1,338.4	6.3%	1,438.8	6.4%	7,870.1	44.7%

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.