

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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April 29, 2011

File No. 602-19

Ronald K. Moore
Senior Regulatory Analyst, Regulatory Affairs
Golden State Water Company
630 East Foothill Blvd.
SAN DIMAS, CA 91773

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Commission has received and filed the utility's Advice Letter No. 1442-W, to revise its Preliminary Statement to include the establishment of the Santa Maria Steelhead Recovery Plan Memorandum Account, together with the following revised Cal. P.U.C. tariff sheets that were submitted:

<u>Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>
6103-W	Preliminary Statements, Page 48, Part UU
6104-W	Table of Contents, page 1 of 4

Enclosed is a copy of the advice letter and tariff sheets, with the filing and effective dates shown, for the utility's files.

Please contact Adam Thaler at (415) 703-3034, if you have any questions.

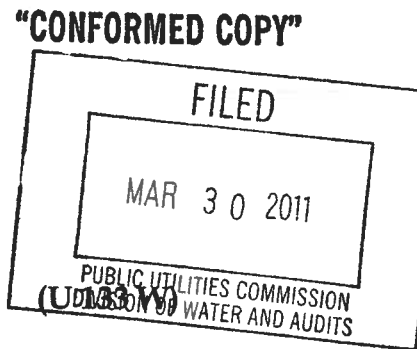
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Babaran".

JOSIE R. BABARAN
Staff Services Analyst
Water & Sewer Advisory Branch

Enclosures





March 30, 2011

Advice Letter No. 1442-W

California Public Utilities Commission

Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") hereby transmits one original and three conformed copies of the following tariff sheets applicable to its Water Operations:

<u>CPUC Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
Original No. 6103-W	Preliminary Statements Page 48, Part UU	
Revised No. 6104-W	Table of Contents Page 1 of 4	Revised No. 6102-W

SUBJECT: Santa Maria Steelhead Recovery Plan Memorandum Account

PURPOSE

GSWC is seeking to establish a Santa Maria Steelhead Recovery Plan Memorandum Accounts Account, as stipulated in Decision No. ("D.") 10-12-059, dated December 16, 2010.

BACKGROUND

GSWC requests to modify its Preliminary Statement, to establish the Santa Maria Steelhead Recovery Plan Memorandum Accounts Account ("SMSRPMA") to track the following:

Outside services including consultants and legal associated with legal expenses relating to the Santa Maria Steelhead Recovery Plan -

- a) Prepare for and attend meetings and hearings including committee meetings (e.g., finance committee, water resources, administrative, inter-agency and other committees).
- b) Review and respond to board and committee memoranda.

- c) Meetings with stakeholders re: same including area cities and water rights holders, local elected officials, water board members, utilities and industry.
- d) Provide public testimony as needed.
- e) Legal and policy research to defend and support positions to protect ratepayers.
- f) Identify, analyze, and propose statutory changes to defend and support positions to protect ratepayers; attend meetings and hearings, including committee meetings, as needed.
- g) Legal research and other actions including employment of experts to defend against any legislation that has a negative impact on rates, water supply reliability or water rights affecting ratepayers.
- h) Review and preparation of legal documents.
- i) Review and preparation of technical documents.
- j) Meetings with technical staff and experts.
- k) Review and respond to various settlement approaches.
- l) Legal research to support and defend positions.
- m) Policy research to support and defend positions.
- n) Legal research re: potential litigation to protect ratepayers' long term storage costs.
- o) Identify, analyze, defend and propose statutory changes to protect long term storage benefits to ratepayers.
- p) Draft pleadings and other court documents re: same.
- q) Prepare for and attend meetings with potential litigants.
- r) Conduct discovery and file motions.

s) Employ expert witnesses as necessary.

REVISIONS TO PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

GSWC proposes to revise its Preliminary Statement to include Part UU, Santa Maria Steelhead Recovery Plan Memorandum Account ("SMSRPMA"). The SMSRPMA will track legal expenses related to the Santa Maria Steelhead Salmon Recovery Plan, as discussed above.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The SMSRPMA shall have the effective date of January 1, 2011.

TIER DESIGNATION

Pursuant to D. 07-01-024, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

PROTEST AND RESPONSES

Anyone may respond to or protest 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 the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds are:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter;
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter 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 advice letter contain material error or omissions;
- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding;
- (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.)

A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

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

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by mail (or e-mail) to us, addressed to:

Golden State Water Company
ATTN: Ronald Moore
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773
Fax: 909-394-7427 or
E-mail: regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com

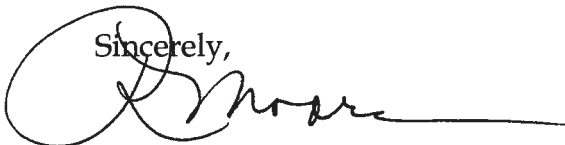
If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact this person at 909-394-3600 ext. 682.

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, 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.

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.

No individuals or utilities have requested notification of filing of tariffs. Distribution of this advice letter is being made to the attached service list in accordance with General Order No. 96-B.

Sincerely,



Ronald Moore
Senior Regulatory Analyst

- c: James Boothe, CPUC - Division of Water and Audits
- Danilo Sanchez, CPUC- Division of Ratepayer Advocates
- Hani Moussa, CPUC- Division of Ratepayer Advocates

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UU. SANTA MARIA STEELHEAD RECOVERY PLAN MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT

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1. **Purpose:** The purpose of the Santa Maria Steelhead Recovery Plan Memorandum Account ("SMSRPMA") is to track legal expenses related to the Steelhead Salmon Recovery Plan, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement in D. 10-12-059.

The SMSRPMA shall include all outside services including consultants and legal associated with Legal expenses related to the Santa Maria Steelhead Recovery Plan- Prepare for and attend meetings and hearings including committee (e.g., finance committee, water resources, administrative, interagency and other committees); Review and respond to board and committee memoranda; Meetings with stakeholders re: same including area cities and water rights holders, local elected officials, water board members, utilities and industry; Provide public testimony as needed; Legal and policy research to defend and support positions to protect ratepayers; Identify, analyze, and propose statutory changes to defend and support positions to protect ratepayers; attend meetings and hearings, including committee meetings, as needed; Legal research and other actions including employment of experts to defend against any legislation that has a negative impact on rates, water supply reliability or water rights affecting ratepayers; Review and preparation of legal documents; Review and preparation of technical documents; Meetings with technical staff and experts; Review and respond to various settlement approaches; Legal research to support and defend positions; Policy research to support and defend positions; Legal research re: potential litigation to protect ratepayers' long term storage costs; Identify, analyze, defend and propose statutory changes to protect long term storage benefits to ratepayers; Draft pleadings and other court documents re: same; Prepare for and attend meetings with potential litigants; Conduct discovery and file motions; Employ expert witnesses as necessary.

The legal expenses recorded in the SMSRPMA is capped at \$100,000 for 2011 and 2012 (\$50,000 for 2011 and \$50,000 for 2012).

2. **Applicability:** The SMSRPMA does not have a rate component.

GSWC shall maintain the SMSRPMA making entries at the end of each month as follows:

- a. A debit entry shall be made to the SMSRPMA at the end of each month to record the expenses.
- b. A debit entry equal to interest on the balance in the account at the beginning of the month and half the balance after the above entry (a.) , at a rate equal to one-twelfth of the rate on three month Commercial Paper, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15 or its successor.

3. **Effective Date:** The SMSRPMA shall have the effective date of January 1, 2011.

4. **Disposition:** GSWC may seek rate recovery of costs recorded in the SMSRPMA in its next general rate case or other formal proceeding with the California Public Utilities Commission.

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ISSUED BY

R. J. SPROWLS

President

Date Filed: MAR 30 2011

Effective Date: JAN - 1 2011

Resolution No. _____

Advice Letter No. 1442-W

Decision No. 10-12-059

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The following tariff sheets contain all effective rates and rules affecting rates and service of the utility, together with information relating thereto:

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GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

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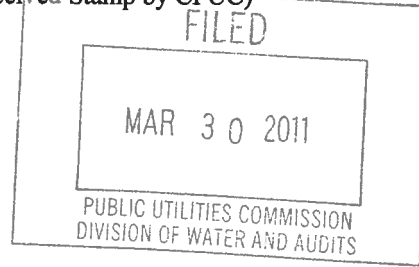
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**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES
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DIVISION OF WATER AND
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Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

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AL # 1442-W	Date Mailed to Service List: 3/30/11	Requested Effective Date: 1/1/2011	Requested Tier:	
			Tier 1	
Replacing AL#:	Authorized by: D.10-12-059	Compliance Filing? Yes	Rate Impact	\$ N/A
			%	

The public has 20 days from Date Mailed (above) to protest this advice letter. If you chose to protest or respond to the advice letter, send Protest and/or Correspondence within 20 days to:

Director
Division of Water and Audits
505 Van Ness Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94102

and if you have email capability, also email to: water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

Your protest also must be served on the Utility (see attached advice letter for more information and grounds for protest)

Company Name: Golden State Water Company	CPUC Utility Number: WTA <u>133-W</u>
Address: 630 East Foothill Blvd.	WTB _____
City, State, Zip: San Dimas, CA 91773	WTC _____
	WTD _____
	SWR _____

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Description:

- Advice letter is in compliance with D. 10-12-059.
- Advice letter requests the establishment and implementation of the Santa Maria Steelhead Recovery Plan Memorandum Account.
- n/a

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