Si necesita asistencia en español, tenemos representantes de servicio al cliente disponibles para ayudarle cuando lo solicite, por favor llame al número 1-800-999-4033.

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY'S NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUESTING TO INCREASE RATES ARDEN CORDOVA SERVICE AREA (APPLICATION NO. 23-08-010)

On August 14, 2023, Golden State Water Company (GSWC) filed what is known as a "General Rate Case" (GRC) application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application filing by GSWC requests to increase rates over a three-year period, covering the years 2025 through 2027. This request to increase rates would be effective beginning January 1, 2025.

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 non-residential customers.

Why is GSWC requesting this rate increase?

The CPUC requires GSWC to submit a GRC application every three years. 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 expense, property taxes, purchased power and allocated general office and district office expenses.

The table below shows the proposed revenue increases by customer class for the consolidated Northern Region (if approved) and for the stand-alone Arden Cordova area (if the consolidation is not approved).

Description	<u>Present</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>2025</u> Increase		<u>2026</u> Increase		<u>2027</u> Increase		<u>Total</u> Increase			
Customer Class	\$	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%		
Residential	9,867.1	1,576.6	16.0%	711.4	6.2%	770.6	6.3%	3,058.6	28.5%		
Commercial	6,896.2	1,848.4	26.8%	707.1	7.8%	776.9	7.7%	3,332.3	42.4%		
Industrial	9.9	2.5	25.4%	1.0	8.2%	1.1	7.9%	4.6	41.5%		
Public Authority	381.7	105.5	27.6%	39.5	8.1%	41.8	7.9%	186.8	43.7%		
Irrigation	2,123.4	586.7	27.6%	224.6	8.1%	243.9	7.9%	1,055.3	43.7%		
Resale	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%		
Contract	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	343.9	79.4	23.1%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	79.4	23.1%		
TOTAL	19,622.3	4,199.1	21.4%	1,683.6	7.0%	1,834.2	7.0%	7,716.9	35.3%		

Consolidated Proposed Revenue Increases (Dollars in Thousands)

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

Arden Cordova Stand-alone Proposed Revenue Increases (Dollars in Thousands)

Description	<u>Present</u> Revenue	<u>2025</u> Increase		<u>2026</u> Increase		<u>2027</u> Increase		<u>Total</u> Increase	
Customer Class	\$	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Residential	7,284.1	1,293.8	17.8%	581.1	6.8%	626.0	6.8%	2,500.9	31.4%
Commercial	6,614.7	1,579.4	23.9%	577.6	6.8%	629.3	6.7%	2,786.3	37.4%
Industrial	9.9	2.1	21.4%	0.8	6.9%	0.9	6.7%	3.8	35.0%
Public Authority	381.7	90.0	23.6%	32.2	6.8%	33.9	6.7%	156.1	37.1%
Irrigation	2,123.4	500.6	23.6%	183.5	6.8%	197.6	6.7%	881.7	37.1%
Resale	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Contract	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	342.3	79.0	23.1%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	79.4	23.1%
TOTAL	16,756.3	3,545.0	21.1%	1,375.3	6.7%	1,487.7	6.6%	6,407.9	34.4%

How could this affect my monthly bill?

Consolidated Rate Structure Bill Impact

Under GSWC's proposal to consolidate rates in the Arden Cordova and Clearlake service areas, the effect to the average residential customer in Arden Cordova with a 5/8 x 3/4" meter using 11 Ccf (1 Ccf = 748 gallons) would see a monthly bill increase of \$8.04 (or 23.38%), from \$34.39 to \$42.43 in 2025. In 2026 the average residential customer would see a monthly bill increase of \$3.40 (or 8.01%), from \$42.43 to \$45.83, and a monthly bill increase of \$3.69 (or 8.05%), from \$45.83 to \$49.52 in 2027, **excluding any applicable surcharges or credits.**

Stand-alone Bill Impact

If the proposed application is approved by the CPUC but the consolidated rate structure is denied, the average residential customer with a 5/8 x 3/4" meter using 11 Ccf would see a monthly bill increase of \$6.69 (or 19.45%), from \$34.39 to \$41.08 in 2025. In 2026 the average residential customer would see a monthly bill increase of \$2.78 (or 6.77%), from \$41.08 to \$43.86, and a monthly bill increase of \$2.98 (or 6.79%), from \$43.86 to \$46.84 in 2027, excluding any applicable surcharges or credits.

How does the rest of the process work?

This application will be assigned to a judge, who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt GSWC's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners.

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 Advocate's Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact GSWC

- View GSWC's Application and related exhibits at: www.gswater.com/2025-27rates
- Contact GSWC's 24-hour Customer Service Center at: 1-800-999-4033 (toll-free) or TTY 1-877-933-9533
- Contact GSWC by email at: customerservice@gswater.com
- Contact GSWC by mail at: Golden State Water Company Attention: Regulatory Affairs Department 630 East Foothill Boulevard San Dimas, CA 91773

Contact the CPUC

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.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on GSWC's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

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)
- Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102 Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

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

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY