

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Filing to Acquire Yerba Buena Water Company

ADVICE LETTER 1457

Why am I receiving this notice?

On December 13, 2024, California American Water Company (California American Water) submitted Advice Letter 1457 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting approval for the purchase of Yerba Buena Water Company. Approval of this Advice Letter is expected to increase your bill.

What California American Water requests?

- Advice Letter 1457 asks the CPUC to approve California American Water's acquisition of Yerba Buena Water Company's (Yerba Buena Water) potable water distribution system and service of its customers. The Yerba Buena Water system is located in Ventura County approximately 34 miles from California American Water's Ventura District operations center in Newbury Park, California.
- The acquisition would add approximately 249 customer connections to California American Water's customer base.

How could this affect my water bill?

Neither California American Water nor Yerba Buena Water customers are expected to see any rate or bill impacts until 2027. California American Water has requested a portion of the purchase price for Yerba Buena's system be included in its General Office costs and recovered from all of its customers. As described below, if approved, this would result in an approximately 0.001% cost of service increase to all California American Water customers, based on Yerba Buena pending General Rate Case (GRC) rate changes (filed June 7, 2024).¹ California American Water would address consolidation of Yerba Buena Water customers for ratemaking purposes in a future GRC. California American Water expects to file its next GRC in 2025, for rates to take effect in 2027. Customers will receive additional notice of future GRC proceedings.

If California American Water's pending advice letter request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential bill with a 5/8" meter with average residential usage, for both Yerba Buena and California American Water, would increase approximately 0.001% per month. Additional rate increases due to this acquisition may occur in a later GRC.

COMPARISON OF TOTAL RESIDENTIAL BILL PER CUSTOMER PER MONTH BASED ON YERBA BUENA PENDING GRC RATE CHANGES ²					
DISTRICT	Avg Res Usage (CGL) ³	Pre-Acquisition Total Bill ⁴	Post-Acquisition Forecasted	\$ Increase	% Increase
Sacramento	78.30	\$63.93	\$63.93	\$0.0000	0.001%
Fruitridge	78.30	\$67.71	\$67.71	\$0.0000	0.001%
Larkfield	60.47	\$79.39	\$79.39	\$0.0000	0.001%
Dunnigan WW	N/A	\$46.19	\$46.19	\$0.0000	0.001%
Meadowbrook	120.94	\$54.94	\$54.94	\$0.0000	0.001%
Monterey	34.83	\$114.82	\$114.82	\$0.0000	0.001%
Central Satellites	82.91	\$131.68	\$131.68	\$0.0000	0.001%
Chualar	117.19	\$46.26	\$46.26	\$0.0000	0.001%
Monterey Wastewater - Active	N/A	\$149.18	\$149.18	\$0.0000	0.001%
Monterey Wastewater - Passive	N/A	\$92.95	\$92.95	\$0.0000	0.001%
Ventura	92.68	\$101.55	\$101.55	\$0.0000	0.001%
LA - Duarte	106.69	\$98.77	\$98.77	\$0.0000	0.001%
LA - Baldwin Hills	89.06	\$87.77	\$87.77	\$0.0000	0.001%
LA - San Marino	121.95	\$110.86	\$110.86	\$0.0000	0.001%
San Diego	56.70	\$77.43	\$77.43	\$0.0000	0.001%
Yerba Buena	82.70	\$133.85	\$133.85	\$0.0000	0.001%

*CGL=100 gallons

¹ Based on revenues for California American Water authorized in CPUC Decision 24-12-025 and proposed revenues for Yerba Buena Water Company requested in Advice Letter 60.

² Pre-Acquisition rates are based on Yerba Buena pending GRC rate changes, filed June 7, 2024.

³ This number is based on residential usage per customer per month in Decision 24-12-025.

⁴ Total bill based on rates on California American Water's 2024 test year rates from Decision 24-12-025.

How does the rest of this process work?

This Advice Letter will be reviewed by staff in the Water Division of the CPUC who will determine if the request is reasonable and determine if modifications are necessary.

Protests and Responses to Advice Letter 1457

The deadline to protest this advice letter is April 15, 2025, as it will take up to 45 days to provide notices in bill inserts. Please include “**Advice Letter 1457**” in any response or protest you submit.

The reasons for the protest can be one of the following:

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 CPUC order, or is not authorized by statute or CPUC 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 CPUC 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 CPUC).

If you would like to submit a protest or response about this advice letter, please write to:

California Public Utilities Commission
Water Division, 3rd Floor
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: **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 email) to California American Water at the following address:

Email Address:

ca.rates@amwater.com

Mailing Address:

520 Capital Mall, Suite 630
Sacramento, CA 95814

Where can I get more information?

Customers with internet access may view and download California American Water’s advice letter on California American Water’s website by visiting www.californiaamwater.com/AL1457. If you have technical issues accessing the documents through the website, please e-mail Jonathan.Morse@amwater.com for assistance and reference Advice Letter 1457 in your email.

To request a hard copy of California American Water’s Advice Letter, or to obtain more information about the Advice Letter from California American Water, please write to:

California American Water
Advice Letter 1457
520 Capitol Mall, Suite 630
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