

Notice of Golden State Water's Rate Increase Request

Golden State Water Company's (GSWC) 2026 General Rate Case Application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) A.26-07-001 – Los Osos Service Area

What is Being Requested?

GSWC is requesting an increase in revenue from 2028-2030 to cover its anticipated costs for return on rate base, federal income tax, depreciation, property taxes, and allocated General Office district office expenses (such as customer service, water quality) and labor.

GSWC is also requesting to consolidate its Santa Maria and Los Osos customer service areas under a new Coastal Region consolidated rate structure for both its residential and non-residential customers. If consolidation is approved, the total increase in revenue would be \$11,991,415 or 36.8%. If it is denied, the total increase in revenue for the stand-alone Los Osos service area would be \$3,320,515 or 48.1%.

Under GSWC's proposal to consolidate rates, metered rates in Los Osos would be frozen at their present level and would not be increased, **excluding any applicable surcharges**. The table below shows the proposed revenue increase if the consolidation is not approved:

Los Osos Stand-Alone (without requested consolidation)			
Customer Class	\$ Increase	% Increase	Estimated Average Bill Changes (\$)
Residential	\$ 2,574,653	47.2%	\$60.71
Commercial	\$ 532,108	54.0%	\$158.71
Industrial	\$ 4,797	42.3%	\$401.80
Public Authority	\$ 103,952	42.2%	\$1,169.24
Irrigation	\$ 103,217	52.1%	\$185.85
Private Fire	\$ 1,788	12.5%	\$1.00/inch

How could this affect my monthly bill?

Consolidated Rate Structure Bill Impact

Under GSWC's proposal to consolidate rates, metered rates in Los Osos 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 \$8.00 to \$9.00 per inch of diameter of service connection.

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 5 ccf (1 ccf = 748 gallons) per month would see a rate increase of approximately \$60.71 per month, phased in over three years. The actual impact will vary based on usage and other factors.

Additional Information

An administrative law judge will hold hearings, consider evidence, testimony, and public comments before drafting a proposed decision on this application. CPUC Commissioners will then vote on a final decision at a public meeting.

You can read more about the utility's request and make public comment by visiting apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/a2607001. For questions about participating in CPUC matters, you can contact the Public Advisor's Office at Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov, 1-866-849-8390, or 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. Please reference A.26-07-001 in any communication with the CPUC.

Questions About the Request

For questions about this application, please contact GSWC Regulatory Affairs Department at: GSWC_Reg_Affairs@gswater.com, 1-800-999-4033 or 630 E. Foothill Blvd., San Dimas, CA 91773.