

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 – Santa Maria 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, allocated general office and district office expenses (such as customer service, water quality), depreciation expenses, Federal income tax, and property taxes.

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 Santa Maria service area would be \$8,669,343, or 33.8%.

Coastal Region Consolidated			
Customer Class	\$ Increase	% Increase	Estimated Average Bill Changes (\$)
Residential	\$9,505,696	36.2%	\$45.56
Commercial	\$1,934,062	42.7%	\$108.59
Industrial	\$3,232	20.0%	\$43.79
Public Authority	\$144,302	24.0%	\$883.81
Irrigation*	\$395,651	36.0%	\$409.11
Private Fire	\$8,472	12.5%	\$1.00/inch

Santa Maria Stand-Alone			
Customer Class	\$ Increase	% Increase	Estimated Average Bill Changes (\$)
Residential	\$6,898,715	33.2%	\$32.71
Commercial	\$1,391,319	39.3%	\$71.34
Industrial	\$2,294	39.0%	\$30.87
Public Authority	\$95,920	25.9%	\$580.12
Irrigation*	\$274,410	30.6%	\$283.71
Private Fire	\$6,684	12.5%	\$1.00/inch

How Would This Impact the Average Residential Customer?

If the request is approved, the average residential customer with a 5/8 x 3/4" meter using 12 CCF (1 CCF = 748 gallons) per month would see a rate increase of approximately \$45.56 (consolidated) or \$32.71 (stand-alone) 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.