

November 15, 2024

ADVICE LETTER NO. 1453

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California-American Water Company (California American Water) (U210W) submits this advice letter applicable to its Southern Division water customers.

Purpose:

This advice letter is to comply with Decision (D.) 21-11-018 which states:

Cal-Am should incorporate the existing ACAM mechanism permanently in the Monterey County District and incorporate the adjustment mechanism approved in D.18-05-027, as part of the step and attrition filings for all districts, excluding (1) the Fruitridge sub-system in the Northern Division for 2022 and 2023; and (2) setting test year rates for the Monterey District.

We find the Settlement, as it relates to Special Request #12, is reasonable in light of the whole record of this proceeding, consistent with the law, and in the public interest, pursuant to the directives adopted the Presiding Officer's Decision Adopting the Phase 3B Settlement Agreement in A.15-07-019, Attachment 2, and D.18-07-010 adopting the Phase 3B Settlement Agreement. The Monterey District ACAM shall be made permanent effective in 2021. The new pilot ACAM across other districts, excluding the Fruitridge sub-system, shall begin in 2021 with an adjustment mechanism that aligns with D.18-07-010. The pilot ACAM shall include the Fruitridge sub-system starting in 2024.¹

Background:

California American Water was authorized to create a pilot (Annual Consumption Adjustment Mechanism ("ACAM")) in its Monterey Service Area in D.18-05-027. D.21-11-018 authorized the ACAM as a permanent program in Monterey, and also authorized California American Water to create new ACAM pilot programs in its Northern, Southern Division, and the Central Satellite service area within the Central Division.

Request:

In compliance with D.21-11-018, California American Water requests authority to replace the adopted consumption with the actual consumption and production data (from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024) beginning January 1, 2025, to be used for future rate adjustments, including all annual step and offset filings, in 2024 until the adopted consumption is updated in the pending GRC proceeding A.22-07-001.

California American Water expects a final GRC Decision in A.22-07-001 will be issued in early December 2024. Due to the anticipated timing of the final decision, California American Water does not anticipate following the typical ACAM process of subsequently filing a Tier 1 advice

¹D.21-11-018 at 157

letter to implement the rates contained herein. Following issuance of the final GRC decision, including resolution of certain issues related to the ACAM in its pending GRC, California American may refile its ACAM filings consistent with the final decision.

Tier Designation:

This advice letter is submitted pursuant to General Order No. 96-B and D.21-11-018 and is designated as a Tier 2 filing.

Effective Date:

California American Water requests an effective date of January 1, 2025.

Notice and Service List:

Customers will be notified by bill text message and by bill inserts for this rate change and other rate changes effective January 1, 2025.

In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3 and 7.2 and Water Industry Rule 4.1, a copy of this advice letter will be transmitted electronically to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification. ***Please note that this advice letter will only be distributed electronically.***

PROTEST OR RESPONSES:

Anyone may submit a response or protest for this AL. When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.**

A **response** supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the AL. A **protest** objects to the AL in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds¹ are:

1. The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the AL;
2. The relief requested in the AL 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 AL contain material error or omissions;
4. The relief requested in the AL is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
5. The relief requested in the AL requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the AL process; or
6. The relief requested in the AL is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory, provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a prior order of the Commission.
7. A protest may not rely on policy objections to an AL where the relief requested in the AL follows rules or directions established by statute or Commission order applicable to the utility. A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

¹ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.2

DWA must receive a response or protest via email (or postal mail) within 20 days of the date the AL is filed. When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.**

The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

Email Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

Mailing Address:

CA Public Utilities Commission
Division of Water and Audits
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

On the same day the response or protest is submitted to DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to California American Water at:

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

REPLIES

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by DWA within five business days after the end of the protest period, and shall be served on the same day on each person who filed the protest or response to the AL.

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.

This filing will not cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, please contact Chase Grady at (916) 568-4241.

CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

/s/ Chase Grady

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Rates and Regulatory Analyst

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Schedule No. CA-CAP
California American Water
CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sheet 6

RATES:

Southern Division

Los Angeles Service Areas – Duarte, San Marino, Rio Plaza

Quantity Rates:

	<u>Base Rate</u>	
	<u>Per 100 gal (CGL)</u>	
For the first 85 CGL.....	\$0.5098	(R)
For the next 50 CGL.....	\$0.7328	
For the next 163 CGL.....	\$1.0514	
For all water delivered over 298 CGL.....	\$1.1812	(R)

Los Angeles Service Areas – Baldwin Hills

Quantity Rates:

	<u>Base Rate</u>	
	<u>Per 100 gal (CGL)</u>	
For the first 85 CGL.....	\$0.5642	(R)
For the next 50 CGL.....	\$0.8110	
For the next 163 CGL.....	\$1.1636	
For all water delivered over 298 CGL.....	\$1.3073	(R)

Ventura Service Area

Quantity Rates:

	<u>Base Rate</u>	
	<u>Per 100 gal (CGL)</u>	
For the first 85 CGL.....	\$0.6500	(R)
For the next 50 CGL.....	\$0.9344	
For the next 163 CGL.....	\$1.3407	
For all water delivered over 298 CGL.....	\$1.5063	(R)

San Diego Service Area

Quantity Rates:

	<u>Base Rate</u>	
	<u>Per 100 gal (CGL)</u>	
For the first 85 CGL.....	\$0.8073	(R)
For the next 50 CGL.....	\$1.1604	
For the next 163 CGL.....	\$1.6650	
For all water delivered over 298 CGL.....	\$1.8706	
Multi-Family Pilot Customers	\$1.0090	(R)

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Schedule No. SOU-1
Southern Division Tariff Area
GENERAL METERED SERVICES

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

SOUTHERN DIVISION TARIFF AREA RATES

Los Angeles Service Area – Duarte, San Marino, Rio Plaza

TERRITORY

Duarte Service Area consisting of Bradbury, Duarte, portions of Irwindale, Monrovia, and vicinity, Los Angeles County. San Marino Service Area consisting of San Marino, Rosemead, portion of San Gabriel, Temple City, Adams Ranch, vicinity, Los Angeles. Rio Plaza subdivision and vicinity located northeast of El Rio section of the City of Oxnard, Ventura County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

<u>Residential Customers:</u>	<u>Total Base Rate</u> <u>Per 100 gal (CGL)</u>	
For the first 85.0 CGL	\$0.6372	(R)
For next 50.0 CGL	\$0.9160	
For next 163.0 CGL	\$1.0514	
For all water delivered over 298.0 CGL	\$1.1812	
<u>All Other Customers:</u>		
For all water delivered, per CGL	\$0.7965	(R)

Los Angeles Service Area – Baldwin Hill Service Area

TERRITORY

Baldwin Hills Service Area consisting of Baldwin Hills, Windsor Hills, View Park, Ladera Heights, and Vicinity, Los Angeles County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

<u>Residential Customers:</u>	<u>Base Rate</u> <u>Per 100 gal (CGL)</u>	<u>Purchased Water</u> <u>Per 100 gal (CGL)</u>	<u>Total Base Rate</u> <u>Per 100 gal (CGL)</u>	
For the first 85.0 CGL	\$0.6372	\$0.0680	\$0.7052	(R)
For next 50.0 CGL	\$0.9160	\$0.0978	\$1.0138	
For next 163.0 CGL	\$1.0514	\$0.1122	\$1.1636	
For all water delivered over 298.0 CGL	\$1.1812	\$0.1261	\$1.3073	
<u>All Other Customers:</u>				
For all water delivered, per CGL	\$0.7965	\$0.0850	\$0.8815	(R)

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Southern Division Tariff Area
GENERAL METERED SERVICES

Sheet 2

SOUTHERN DIVISION TARIFF AREA RATES (Continued):

Ventura Service Area

TERRITORY

Portions of Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, an area adjacent Camarillo, and vicinity, Ventura County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Purchased Water</u>	<u>Total Base Rate</u>	
	Per 100 gal (CGL)	Per 100 gal (CGL)	Per 100 gal (CGL)	
<u>Residential Customers:</u>				
For the first 85.0 CGL	\$0.6372	\$0.1753	\$0.8125	(R)
For next 50.0 CGL	\$0.9160	\$0.2520	\$1.1680	
For next 163.0 CGL	\$1.0514	\$0.2893	\$1.3407	
For all water delivered over 298.0 CGL	\$1.1812	\$0.3250	\$1.5063	
 <u>All Other Customers:</u>				
For all water delivered, per CGL	\$0.7965	\$0.2192	\$1.0157	(R)

San Diego Service Area

TERRITORY

Coronado, Imperial Beach, and portions of San Diego, and vicinity San Diego County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Purchased Water</u>	<u>Total Base Rate</u>	
	Per 100 gal (CGL)	Per 100 gal (CGL)	Per 100 gal (CGL)	
<u>Residential Customers:</u>				
For the first 85.0 CGL	\$0.6372	\$0.3719	\$1.0091	(R)
For next 50.0 CGL	\$0.9160	\$0.5346	\$1.4505	
For next 163.0 CGL	\$1.0514	\$0.6136	\$1.6650	
For all water delivered over 298.0 CGL	\$1.1812	\$0.6893	\$1.8706	
 <u>All Other Customers:</u>				
For all water delivered, per CGL	\$0.7965	\$0.4648	\$1.2613	(R)

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