



CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE TO RULE 15 FEES BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)

December 11, 2025

Dear Developer:

On December 11, 2025, California Water Service (Cal Water) submitted Advice Letter 2574 to the CPUC to update certain fees contained in Tariff Rule 15 (Rule 15). The fee updates are necessary to reflect the current construction costs for supply and transmission projects. Cal Water is proposing updates to following three Rule 15 fees:

1. Special Facilities Fees for Water Supply (Lot Fees),
2. Transmission Backbone Installation Fees (Visalia), and
3. Facilities Fees (Antelope Valley and Kern River Valley).

Cal Water is also proposing to phase in the fee increase for certain areas over several years using a fixed percentage depending on the size of the proposed change. Upon completion of the phase-in, Cal Water is also proposing to escalate its Rule 15 fees annually using the CPI-U rates published annually by the CPUC's Water Division. The current fees and proposed fees for 2026 are provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Proposed Phase-in of Rule 15 Fee Increases

District	Current	Proposed	District	Current	Proposed
Antelope Valley	\$1,000	\$1,292	Marysville	\$2,350	\$2,785
Bakersfield	\$5,500	\$5,800	Salinas	\$2,200	\$2,612
Bayshore	\$4,500	\$5,260	Selma	\$2,100	\$2,400
Bear Gulch	\$4,500	\$5,260	Visalia	\$1,500	\$1,798
Chico	\$2,000	\$2,324	Visalia – Trans. Backbone ¹	\$1,400	\$1,665
Dixon	\$2,800	\$3,130	Visalia – Trans. Backbone ¹	\$5,350	\$6,450
King City	\$1,500	\$1,800	Willows	\$4,250	\$4,600
Kern River Valley	\$1,000	\$1,171			

In addition to updating certain Rule 15 fees, Cal Water is proposing various revisions to clarify the tariff language and update certain provisions to better align with current practices and procedures.

The CPUC must approve any changes to fees and language in Rule 15. While there is no deadline by which the CPUC must act on Cal Water's proposal, Cal Water is requesting CPUC approval in time to make the requested changes to Rule 15 so that they become effective **July 1, 2026**.

A copy of Advice Letter 2574 is available on the internet at <https://www.calwater.com/rates/rates-advice-letters/> (please select your district from the drop-down menu), and may also be obtained from

¹ Transmission Backbone Fees are charged at either \$1,400 per lot or \$5,350 per acre if non-residential development for the Visalia district only.



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the company's local offices by calling (805) 497-2757. You may also contact the company's headquarters by mailing the Rates Department at 1720 North First Street, San Jose, California 95112-4598, or by calling (408) 367-8200 and asking for the Rates Department.

Protests and Responses

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

- (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 Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission 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 Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (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 relitigating a prior order of the Commission.)

A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The advice letter process does not provide for any responses, protests or comments, except for the utility's reply, after the 20-day comment period. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
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 e-mail) to us, addressed to:

Natalie Wales
California Water Service Company
1720 North First Street,
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cwsrates@calwater.com

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, 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. Each reply must be received by the Water Division within 5 business days after the end of the protest period and shall be served on the same day to the

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person who filed the protest or response. If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact California Water Service Company at 408-367-8200.