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**Advice Letter No. 2225**

To the California Public Utilities Commission:

California Water Service Company (“Cal Water”) respectfully submits this Tier 1 advice letter and hereby transmits for filing the following changes in its tariff schedules applicable to all districts, including Grand Oaks. Hard copies of this filing will follow.

New/Revised C.P.U.C.		Cancelling C.P.U.C.	
Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Schedule No.	Sheet No.
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**Summary**

Via this Tier 1 advice letter, Cal Water requests Commission approval to move from Stage 2 to Stage 1 of its Schedule 14.1 (which contains “Staged Mandatory Reductions and Drought Surcharges”) in order to eliminate Drought Surcharges beginning **July 29, 2016**. In addition, for the first bill received on or after August 1, 2016, Cal Water requests Commission approval to waive all Drought Surcharges incurred for water usage in the previous billing period.

These modifications are consistent with the regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (“Water Board”) on May 18, 2016 in Resolution 2016-0029, and Resolution W-5103 adopted by the Commission on June 23, 2016.

With these changes in effect as of **July 29, 2016**, customers will cease paying Drought Surcharges beginning with bills received on and after August 1, 2016.

**Background**

Due to improved water supply conditions in parts of the state, the Water Board’s final Emergency Regulation (adopted on May 18, 2016 in Resolution 2016-0029) establishes a process for developing locally appropriate water conservation standards. Urban water suppliers are required to self-certify regarding the level of available water supplies they have assuming three additional dry years, as well as the level of conservation needed to ensure that water supplies are adequate over that time. Urban water suppliers must then reduce potable water use in a percentage equal to any projected shortfall assuming three more dry years. Monthly reporting requirements to the Water Board continue, and most prohibitions of specific water uses are now permanent.



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Commission Resolution W-5103 orders Class A and B water companies to comply with the Emergency Regulations. Those who decline to identify a conservation standard, or whose proposed conservation standard is rejected by the Water Board, must continue the mandatory water conservation actions previously ordered by the Commission (as amended by the Water Board's Emergency Regulations).

### **Discussion**

This advice letter is filed pursuant to Finding and Conclusion Paragraph 13 of Commission Resolution W-5103 allowing a company to amend its Tariff Schedule 14.1 to comply with the Water Board's Emergency Regulation. This request is filed as a Tier 1 advice letter because it imposes less restrictive conditions on customers.

**Self-Certification:** As required by the Water Board, Cal Water submitted self-certification data on water-use reduction requirements for its 23 regulated ratemaking areas on June 22, 2016. In all but one district, our self-certification requirement is zero percent, as we have adequate short-term water supplies to meet projected customer demand based on local water supply conditions over the next three years. In our Bear Gulch District, after applying the criteria set by the State, our self-certification requirement is 2%.

**Conservation Targets:** Although we received more rain this year, many parts of the state are still experiencing severe drought conditions. Because we strongly believe conservation is still needed, we have asked our customers in each district to meet a higher target during this time until the State issues its framework for permanent conservation standards in early 2017.

- In most districts, the conservation target is 10%, but six Cal Water districts will have targets other than 10%.
- East Los Angeles, whose State-mandated water-use reduction requirement had been 8%, and King City, which previously had a 9% reduction requirement, will both see targets unchanged. Bakersfield will similarly have a 9% target.
- In the company's Los Altos District, which has aligned with its wholesale water supplier and other suppliers regionally, customers' targets will be 20% less than 2013 use.
- In the Central Valley districts of Selma and Visalia, Cal Water is setting a reduction target of 20%.
- In addition, prohibited uses of water, water waste violations, and irrigation schedules will remain in effect.

**Elimination of Drought Surcharges:** Because Cal Water believes that its customers will continue to conserve, Cal Water requests authority, effective July 29, 2016, to (1) suspend Drought Surcharges by moving from Stage 2 to Stage 1 in Schedule 14.1, and (2) for the first bill received on or after August 1, 2016, waive any Drought Surcharges incurred in the previous billing period



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Based on the district-wide targets identified above, customer bills will continue to show individual water usage targets generally based on 2013 usage. Finally, while customers will no longer be able to bank additional units of water starting July 29, 2016, previously banked water will remain in customers' accounts during the current drought emergency, even though they will not show on upcoming bills.

### **Requested Effective Date**

Cal Water requests an effective date of **July 29, 2016** for the move from Stage 2 to Stage 1 of Schedule 14.1 and, for the first bill received on or after August 1, 2016, Cal Water requests Commission approval to waive all Drought Surcharges incurred for water usage in the previous billing period.

### **Notice**

**Customer Notice:** Customers will receive notice of these modifications to Schedule 14.1 via direct mailings prior to **July 29, 2016**, the requested effective date for this advice letter, and as a bill message on the first bill mailed on or after July 29, 2016.

**Service List:** In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rules 4.3 and 7.2, and Water Industry Rule 4.1, a copy of this advice letter will be mailed or electronically transmitted on **July 15, 2016** to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification.

### **Response or Protest**

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. 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 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 such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a prior order of the Commission.)



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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 Division of Water and Audits within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Division of Water and Audits, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
California Public Utilities Commission,  
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On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Division of Water and Audits, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by mail (or e-mail) to Cal Water at the following address:

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Cities and counties requiring Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Division of Water and Audits within the 20-day protest period so a late-filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

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.

**Replies:** The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Each reply must be received by the Division of Water and Audits within 5 business days after the end of the protest period and shall be served on the same day to the 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.

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**Appendix 1**  
**Tariff Sheet Changes in Advice Letter 2225**

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>New CPUC Sheet No.</u>		<u>Cancelling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
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Residential Metered Service	Lancaster	AV-LAN-1-R	10717-W
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**Schedule No. 14.1**  
**WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN**  
**WITH STAGED MANDATORY REDUCTIONS AND DROUGHT SURCHARGES (continued)**

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**APPENDIX A to Schedule 14.1 - NOT IN EFFECT** (C)  
**Drought Surcharge Tiers (applies to all metered customers of potable water)** (C)

District	Service Area	In Compliance with Mandatory Reduction? As of 2/1/16	Tier A - No Surcharges	Tier B - Drought Surcharges Applied		Minimum Water Budget (CCF per month)	Rate Support Fund Area (RSF)	
			Units Over Water Budget	Units Over Water Budget	Surcharge per unit (Non-LIRA Customers)			Surcharge per unit (LIRA Customers)
Antelope Valley	Fremont Val. /Lake Hughes		1-6	7+	\$4.5200	\$2.2600	5	RSF Area
	Lancaster		1-5	6+	\$7.1180	\$3.5590	5	
	Leona Valley		1-4	5+	\$4.5200	\$2.2600	5	RSF Area
Bakersfield			1-6	7+	\$4.1868	\$2.0934	7	
Bayshore	Mid-Peninsula		1-3	4+	\$10.0000	\$5.0000	6	
	South San Francisco		1-3	4+	\$5.6492	\$2.8246	6	
Bear Gulch			1-5	6+	\$10.0000	\$5.0000	6	
Chico			1-6	7+	\$3.1314	\$1.5657	6	
Dixon			1-3	4+	\$7.9402	\$3.9701	7	
Dominguez			1-3	4+	\$6.9934	\$3.4967	7	
East Los Angeles			1-4	5+	\$3.7605	\$1.8803	9	
Grand Oaks			1-6	7+	\$2.1236	\$1.0618	5	
Hermosa Redondo		No	1	2+	\$9.1586	\$4.5793	5	
Kern River Valley		No	1	2+	\$4.5200	\$2.2600	4	RSF Area
King City			1-4	5+	\$6.7536	\$3.3768	9	
Livermore			1-4	5+	\$7.6194	\$3.8097	6	
Los Altos			1-5	6+	\$8.1608	\$4.0804	6	
Marysville			1-4	5+	\$5.1470	\$2.5735	6	
Oroville			1-5	6+	\$6.1840	\$3.0920	6	
Palos Verdes		No	1	2+	\$9.5358	\$4.7679	6	
Redwood Valley (all)			1-4	5+	\$4.5200	\$2.2600	4	RSF Area
Salinas			1-3	4+	\$5.7776	\$2.8888	7	
Selma			1-5	6+	\$3.0122	\$1.5061	8	
Stockton			1-4	5+	\$5.5506	\$2.7753	7	
Visalia		No	1	2+	\$2.9796	\$1.4898	7	
Westlake		No	1	2+	\$9.2378	\$4.6189	6	
Willows			1-5	6+	\$4.1356	\$2.0678	6	

- (a) The Drought Surcharge is equal to two (2) times the highest residential tier rate with a \$10.00 maximum EXCEPT:  
 The Drought Surcharge in Rate Support Fund (RSF) areas is equal to \$4.52.  
 The Drought Surcharge for districts with a 10% or less water reduction requirement is equal to the highest residential tier rate.
- (b) The Drought Surcharge for LIRA customers is 50% of the Drought Surcharge for Non-LIRA customers.
- (c) The Minimum Water Budget is set at 55 gpcd (gallons per capita per day) multiplied by the number of people per household for the area according to the U.S. Census.
- (d) A district is determined to be in compliance if it has met or is within one percent of its Mandatory Reduction requirement.

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