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November 24, 2021

Natalie Wales
Director of Regulatory Policy & Compliance
California Water Service Company
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Dear Ms. Wales,

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has approved California Water Service Company's Advice Letter No. 2428, filed on October 21, 2021, regarding 2020 Statewide Fires and Extreme Heat - Collaboration with Other Agencies Disaster Relief Compliance Filing.

Enclosed is a copy of the advice letter with an effective date of October 21, 2021 for the utility's files.

Please contact Kevin Truong at VT4@cpuc.ca.gov or 415-703-1353, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: California Water Service Company

Date Mailed to Service List: 10/21/2021

District: Salinas Valley Region

CPUC Utility #: U-60-W

Protest Deadline (20th Day): 11/10/2021

Advice Letter #: 2428

Review Deadline (30th Day): 11/20/2021

Tier: 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: 10/21/2021

Authorization: D.19-07-015

Description: 2020 Statewide Fires and Extreme Heat -
Collaboration with Other Agencies
Disaster Relief Compliance Filing

Rate Impact: none

The protest or response deadline for this advice letter is 20 days from the date that this advice letter was mailed to the service list. Please see the "Response or Protest" section in the advice letter for more information.

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Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____

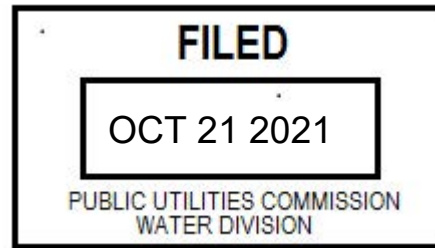


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October 21, 2021

Advice Letter No. 2428



To the California Public Utilities Commission:

California Water Service Company (“Cal Water”) respectfully submits this Tier 1 advice letter in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 12 of D.19-07-015, *Decision Adopting an Emergency Disaster Relief Program for Electric, Natural Gas, Water and Sewer Utility Customers* with regard to the collaboration with state agencies due to fires and extreme heat, which occurred statewide starting in mid-August of 2020. *Please note that, due to limitations on non-essential travel as a result of the COVID-19 virus, this advice letter will only be distributed electronically to the Water Division and the attached service lists.*

Summary

This Tier 1 advice letter confirms Cal Water’s compliance with the collaboration activities required by D.19-07-015 triggered by the statewide wildfire and extreme heat emergencies declared in California starting in mid-August of 2020.

Background

D.19-07-015 requires water and sewer companies to file a Tier 1 advice letter 12 months after a state of emergency was proclaimed for an event affecting the water or sewer company. The Tier 1 advice letter is intended to affirm to the Commission that the company complied with the collaboration activities.

In D.19-07-015, the Commission provided as follows in Ordering Paragraph 12:

12. All Class-A Water utilities [...] shall file a Tier 1 Advice Letter twelve months from a qualifying event, documenting the collaborative engagement they had with the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection demonstrating information sharing that aided these entities in carrying out their mission.

The Commission also adopted the following Conclusion of Law relevant to Ordering Paragraph 12:

21. It is reasonable to require the utilities, twelve months following a qualifying event, to file a Tier 1 Advice Letter describing the collaborative engagement they had with CalOES and CalFIRE



demonstrating information sharing that aided CalOES and CalFIRE to carry out their missions.

Discussion

In mid-August of 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed two Emergency Proclamations relating to “extreme heat” and statewide wildfires in the State of California.¹ Cal Water filed Advice Letter 2389 on August 31, 2020, confirming Cal Water’s compliance with the emergency customer protections and outreach activities required by D.19-07-015. Numerous Cal Water ratemaking areas were impacted by these emergencies. Cal Water performed various collaborative activities related to these events, as detailed below.

Cal Water was actively involved in the meetings that the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and/or the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal OES/CAL FIRE) set up daily at 10am and 5pm for the River Fire in August of 2020 affecting Cal Water’s Salinas service area. The 10am was a briefing open to all and the 5pm meeting was for the cooperators that were involved in the fire such as Cal Water, various county agencies, and PG&E. Cal Water worked hard to provide an open line of communication with the various fire service agencies involved by providing contact information for those on call throughout the incident, regular check-ins and being involved with the Emergency operations center.

As a general matter, during a fire incident Cal Water tries to get a seat at the emergency operations center (EOC) that is set up by CAL FIRE/Cal OES. Due to COVID-19 restrictions in place last August during the River Fire, Cal Water was unable to be physically present in the room. Cal Water made sure to show up to all open meetings, shared contacts, and actively checked in with Battalion Chiefs to make sure that the company was meeting the needs of the incident. At certain points, when our water systems were being used to combat the fires, Cal Water made sure to have one-on-ones out in the field with the ground crews to let them know about the flows of what our systems could handle, the locations of our assets, maximum capacities, and general updates. Overall, Cal Water is dedicated to providing the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection with the information that these entities need to carry out their missions.

Requested Effective Date

Pursuant to OP 12 of D.19-07-015, this is filed as a Tier 1 advice letter. Cal Water does not request a specific effective date since this is a compliance filing without changes to Cal Water’s tariffs.

¹ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/8.18.20-Fire-State-of-Emergency-Proclamation.pdf>;
<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/8.16.20-Extreme-Heat-Event-proclamation-text.pdf>.



Notice

Customer Notice – Customer notice of Tier 1 advice letters is not required under General Order 96-B, General Rule 7.3.1.

Service Lists – 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 on **October 21, 2021** to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification. ***Please note that, due to limitations on non-essential travel as a result of the COVID-19 virus, this advice letter will only be distributed electronically.***

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.)

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 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
E-mail: 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 Cal Water at the following address:



CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY
Advice Letter 2428 – Collaboration with State Agencies (2020 River Fire)

Natalie Wales
California Water Service Company
1720 North First Street,
San Jose, California 95112
E-mail: cwsrates@calwater.com

Cities and counties requiring Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division 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 Water Division 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, and ask for the Rates Department.

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY

/s/

Natalie Wales
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cc: Syreeta Gibbs (Public Advocates Office)
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Salinas District (Salinas Valley Region)

ADVICE LETTER FILING MAILING LIST
PER SECTION III (G) OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 96-A

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ADVICE LETTER FILING MAILING LIST
PER SECTION III (G) OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 96-A

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