

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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December 8, 2022

Natalie Wales  
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California Water Service  
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RE: Disposition of California Water Service Advice Letter 2464

Dear Ms. Wales:

Please be advised that the Water Division is accepting California Water Service's (Cal Water) Advice Letter (AL) 2464 submitted on November 9, 2022. AL 2464 is requesting approval of emergency water service provided by Cal Water to Butte County.

Butte County began using water from Cal Water on October 13, 2022 when Butte County's water supplies became insufficient during construction of a landfill. The emergency water use ended on December 7, 2022. Butte County had access to withdraw water from designated Cal Water hydrants and is being billed the current rates for non-residential metered service in the Chico District.

All revenues received from the emergency water service is being tracked by Cal Water and will be for the benefit of the ratepayers. Cal Water will record the quantity revenues in the Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism and Modified Cost Balancing Account (WRAM/MCBA) and will record the service charge revenues and any other revenues not booked in the WRAM/MCBA in the Drought Memorandum Account 2 (DRMA2)<sup>1</sup>.

Commission approval for AL 2464 is not required, because the emergency water service does not deviate from existing tariffs and will not adversely impact existing customers.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kevin Truong at (415) 703-1353 or [vt4@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:vt4@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce DeBerry".

Bruce DeBerry, Program Manager  
Water Division

Cc: Albee Jewell, California Water Service

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<sup>1</sup> DRMA2 was effective beginning June 14, 2021.



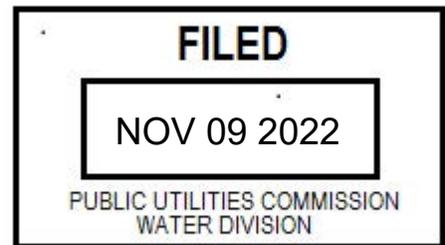


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November 09, 2022

### Advice Letter No. 2464



To the California Public Utilities Commission:

California Water Service Company (Cal Water) respectfully requests approval for emergency use of water for Butte County. ***Please note that this advice letter will only be distributed electronically to the Water Division and the attached service lists.***

### Summary

The County of Butte is in the process of building a landfill, however, their external water supplies have been cut off and the internal onsite water supply is insufficient. Butte County started using Cal Water's water on October 13, 2022 and they anticipate to be done by mid-November 2022. They agree to follow Cal Water's standard construction meter terms and conditions.

This advice letter is submitted as a Tier 1 filing consistent with General Order 96-B, General Industry Rule 9.2.3, Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(9), and Water Industry Rule 8.8. Cal Water requests approval of this advice letter effective when Butte County first took water.

### Background

Under General Order 96-B ("G.O. 96-B") of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), General Industry Rule 9.2.3 allows a water company to provide services to a government agency under terms and conditions that deviate from its tariff, as stated below:

At all times, a utility other than a telephone corporation may provide service (other than resale service) to a government agency for free, or at reduced rates and charges, or under terms and conditions otherwise deviating from its tariffs then in effect. The utility may begin such service without prior Commission approval, but the utility shall promptly submit an advice letter to the appropriate Industry Division to notify the Commission of the utility's provision of such service and of the rates, charges, terms and conditions under which the service is provided. Although the advice letter may be effective pending disposition under General Rule 7.5.3, the Commission may determine, in an appropriate proceeding, the reasonableness of such service.

For purposes of this General Rule 9.2.3, "government agency" means the United States and its departments, Indian tribes recognized by the United States or the State of California, the State of California and its political subdivisions and municipal corporations, including the departments thereof, and public fairs and celebrations.

The County of Butte is a government agency within the meaning of General Rule 9.2.3.



### **Discussion**

General Industry Rule 9.2.3 allows Cal Water to begin providing this service without prior Commission approval, as long as the utility “promptly” submits an advice letter notifying the Commission of the utility’s provision of such service and of the rates, charges, terms and conditions under which the service is provided. This advice letter fulfills those terms. Pursuant to Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(9), Cal Water submits this request for approval via a Tier 1 advice letter.

This emergency water use is for trucking water using a construction meter on our hydrant. Usage is charged at the non-residential rate, and the quantity revenue is put into an “Other Revenue” class, and will be tracked in the Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism and Modified Cost Balancing Account (“WRAM/MCBA”). Service charge revenues and any other revenues not booked in the WRAM/MCBA is recorded in our Drought Memorandum Account 2 (DRMA2) Preliminary Statement AL2. The deposits charged for the construction meters are put in a liability account because the deposits are returned when the entity turns in the construction meters.

### **Requested Effective Date**

Cal Water is submitting this as a **Tier 1** advice and requests that approval be considered effective **October 13, 2022**.

### **Notice**

*Customer Notice* – Individual customer notice of this advice letter is not required under General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 3.2 (Special Notice Rules for Compliance Advice Letter, Certain Tier 1 Advice Letters) and there are no customers currently receiving service.

*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 **November 09, 2022** to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties having requested such notification, including the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). ***Please note that this advice letter will only be distributed electronically to the Water Division and the attached service lists.***

### **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;





## Chico District

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

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