# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS

# **Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

Utility Name: California Water Service Company Date Mailed to Service List: 11/07/24

District:	Travis District	t				
CPUC Utility #:	U-60-W		Protest Deadline (20th Day):	11/27/24		
Advice Letter #:	2538		Review Deadline (30th Day):	12/07/24		
Tier:	X1 □2 □	☐3 ☐Compliance	Requested Effective Date:	11/07/24		
Authorization: Description:	corrected Int	update to reflect erim Rate Memo harge in Special	Rate Impact:	One-time surcharge of \$1,557,470.31		
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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November 7, 2024

#### Advice Letter No. 2538

#### **CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY (U-60-W)**

To the California Public Utilities Commission:

California Water Service Company ("Cal Water") respectfully submits this Tier 1 advice letter requesting authority to modify the following tariff sheets for its Travis District.

New/Revised		Schedule	Cancelling
CPUC Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	No.	CPUC Sheet No.
XXXXX-W	Potable Water Service	TRV	XXXXX-W
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#### Summary

This advice letter requests modification of the tariff for the Travis District to reflect the previously approved surcharge amortizing the 2021 GRC Interim Rate Memorandum Account. Travis Air Force Base, the only customer in the Travis District, has requested that this be applied as a one-time surcharge. Cal Water proposes an effective date of **November 7, 2024.** 

#### Discussion

Travis Air Force Base ("TAFB") has informed Cal Water of its preference for one-time, lump-sum transactions for dollar amounts that are normally applied to customer bills as a temporary, recurring surcharge or credit.

<u>2021 GRC IRMA</u>: In Advice Letter ("AL") 2527 (filed on August 14, 2024), Cal Water received authority to amortize costs in its 2021 GRC Interim Rate Memorandum Account ("2021 GRC IRMA") via surcharges and credits effective October 1, 2024, with the exception that TAFB's surcharge was a one-time surcharge without an effective date.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Advice Letter 2528 was approved by the Water Division on September 16, 2024.

In this advice letter, Cal Water (1) corrects the 2021 GRC IRMA surcharge amount, (2) moves the surcharge from Page 2 of Schedule AS to a new Special Condition on the Travis tariff in order to reflect the addition of the CPUC Fee, and (3) establishes an effective date.

First, as described on pages 4-6 of AL 2527, Cal Water went through a series of steps to calculate the final rates TAFB should have been charged over the 17-month period of interim rates. Cal Water originally calculated TAFB's IRMA surcharge as \$1,524,474.08 (see Schedule AS, Page 2). This amount inadvertently reflected small changes to TAFB's rates when water production offsets for other districts were run through the GRC model. Since TAFB does not pay variable water production costs, TAFB's rates should not have been affected. This advice letter reflects the corrected amount for TAFB's IRMA surcharge of \$1,546,643.80.

Second, this advice letter proposes that the surcharge for the 2021 GRC IRMA be removed from page 2 of Schedule AS, and instead added as a Special Condition on the tariff for the Travis District (Schedule No. TRV). This allows the additional amount of \$10,826.51 owed for the CPUC Fee (0.7% of \$1,546,643.80), for a grand total of \$1,557,470.31, to be identified on the tariff.<sup>2</sup> Each time the amounts due on TAFB's bills change, an amendment to the contract between the federal government and Cal Water must be executed. To facilitate the amendment process, Cal Water has applied the 0.7% CPUC Fee to the IRMA surcharge so that the total amount due shown on the tariff matches the amounts (split between Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024) in the relevant contract amendments.

Third, now that amendments to the contract with TAFB to reflect a total payment of **\$1,557,470.31** have been executed, Cal Water submits this as a Tier 1 advice letter with an effective date of November 7, 2024.

#### **Requested Effective Date**

Cal Water requests an effective date of November 7, 2024.

#### Notice

Customer Notice – This is a Tier 1 advice letter that does not require customer notice, as provided in Water Industry Rule 7.3.1 of General Order 96-B.

Service List – 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 7, 2024**, 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.** 

#### **Response or Protest**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Surcharges listed on Schedule AS do not include the additional CPUC Fee that is applied to the surcharges when they appear on customer bills.



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 and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. Please submit the response or protest by email or mail to:

water.division@cpuc.ca.gov, or Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by e-mail or mail to us at:

cwsrates@calwater.com, or Natalie Wales California Water Service Company 1720 North First Street, San Jose, California 95112

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.

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.

/s/		
Natalie Wales Director of Rates		
Enclosures		

cc: Syreeta Gibbs (Public Advocates Office), PublicAdvocatesWater@cpuc.ca.gov

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# Schedule No. TRV **Travis Tariff Area POTABLE WATER SERVICE**

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#### **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all potable water service provided to Travis Air Force Base (TAFB)

#### **TERRITORY**

Travis Air Force Base

#### **RATES**

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		<u>Per Month</u>
Service Charge		\$272,751.66
CPUC Fee	0.70% (AL 2506)	\$1,909.26
Schedule CAP	2.690% (AL 2498)	\$7,337.02
Schedule RSF	0.6218% (AL 2499)	\$1,695.97
Tota		\$283,693.91

The service charge is a monthly charge that is applicable to Travis Air Force Base.

#### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

- 1. All bills are subject to the following tariff schedules: Schedule UF (CPUC reimbursement fee) and applicable surcharges and surcredits on Schedule RSF (Rate Support Fund), Schedule CAP (Customer Assistance Program), and Schedule AS (Additional Surcharges and Surcredits).
- 2. Interim Rate Memorandum Account True-up: Due to the delay in setting final rates in A.21-07-002, the Commission authorized interim rates for a 17-month period (1/1/23 – 5/31/24). A one-time surcharge will be applied to TAFB's bill reflecting the difference between the rates on TAFB's bills during that period and the final rates that would have been in effect based on the eventual outcome of A.21-07-002. The IRMA surcharge will be \$1,546,643.80, plus a 0.7% CPUC Fee of \$10,826.51, for a total amount of \$1,557,470.31.

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### Schedule No. AS **Additional Surcharges/Surcredits**

#### 2. Interim Rate Memo Account True-up

Due to the delay in setting final rates approved in D. 24-03-042, the Commission authorized interim rates for a period of 17 months from January 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024 (Interim Period). The surcharges below reflect the difference between the interim rates on customers' bills since January 1, 2023, and the final rates that would have been in effect during the 17-month Interim Period.

A. All Customers (except Private Fire Protection and Private Fire Hydrant services) – For metered customers, a surcharge (per 100 Cubic Feet, or CCF) will be applied based on water usage. For flat rate customers, a fixed surcharge per month will be applied to each service. These surcharges will be in effect for a period of 12, 24, 26, 36, or 42 months, depending upon the district.

Additional Coast Springs Surcharge - For all customers in the Coast Springs area (part of the Bay Area Region), the surcharge per CCF identified below will be in effect for all usage that exceeds 2 CCF per month (i.e., for 3 CCF and higher).

A. All Customers (except Private Fire Protection and Private Fire Hydrant services)			
Rate Area	Surcharge (\$/CCF) or Credit (\$/mo.)	Effective Dates	
Antelope Valley (LA County Region)	\$0.0641	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	
Bakersfield	\$0.2945	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	
Bakersfield Flat	\$6.55 / mo	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	
Bay Area Region (BAY, RDV)	\$0.6122	10/01/2024 - 11/30/2026	
Coast Springs – additional surcharge per CCF for monthly usage of 3 CCF and higher	\$0.2997	10/01/2024 - 11/30/2026	
Bear Gulch	\$0.5823	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025	
Dixon	\$0.7109	10/01/2024 - 03/31/2028	
East Los Angeles	\$0.4506	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	
Kern River Valley	\$1.3555	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	
Livermore	\$0.3303	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2026	
Los Altos	\$0.3975	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025	
Marysville	\$0.2913	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025	
North Valley Region (CHI, ORO)	\$0.1760	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	
Palos Verdes (LA County Region)	\$0.3582	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	
Salinas Valley Region (SLN, KC)	\$0.2159	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	
Selma	\$0.1038	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2026	
South Bay Region (DOM, HR)	\$0.2742	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2026	
Stockton	\$0.4584	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2027	
Travis Flat	See Schedule No. TRV		
Visalia	\$0.0851	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025	
Westlake	\$0.1423	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2026	
Willows	\$0.2855	10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025	

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