

June 18, 2024

ADVICE LETTER NO. 1448

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California-American Water Company (“California American Water”) (U210W) hereby submits for review this advice letter, including the following tariff sheets, attached hereto, which are applicable to all its Central Division districts:

Purpose and Background:

This advice letter is being filed to add a franchise fee for the City of Sand City. At its regular meeting on December 19, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance SC 23-04 granting California American Water a determinate franchise to construct, maintain, and use pipelines and appurtenances, necessary or proper for transmitting water under, along, across or upon the public streets within the City of Sand City (the “Franchise Agreement”).

The Franchise Agreement provides, among other things, that during the term of the franchise, California American Water will pay to the City of Sand City two percent (2%) of California American Water’s gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession of the franchise which shall include California American Water’s receipts from the transmission and distribution of water, and from the sale of any service or use of facilities, which involves California American Water’s use, operation or possession of the franchise, except that this payment shall not be less than one percent (1%) of California American Water’s gross annual receipts derived from the sale within city limits of the utility service for which the franchise is awarded.

By letter dated February 21, 2024, California American Water accepted the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement. On March 5, 2024, the City Clerk certified the conditions have been satisfied in Section 21 of the Franchise Agreement, received and effective February 21, 2024.

A copy of the Franchise Agreement and the City Clerk’s certification is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein.

Request:

California American Water requests that the Sand City franchise fee presented above be approved and updated.¹

Tier Designation:

This advice letter is submitted pursuant to General Order No. 96-B and is designated as a Tier 1 filing.

¹ See D.18-12-021, Ordering Paragraph 32 (“California-American Water Company’s request that it be authorized to collect franchise fees paid to various municipalities through a separate surcharge for all its districts, including any and all newly acquired systems in the future is granted.”)

Effective Date:

California American Water requests an effective date of June 18, 2024.

Notice and 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 to interested parties having requested such notification. ***Please note that this advice letter will only be distributed electronically.***

Response or Protest²

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 grounds³ are:

1. The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the AL;
2. The relief requested in the AL 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 AL contain material error or omissions;
4. The relief requested in the AL is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
5. The relief requested in the AL requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the AL process; or
6. The relief requested in the AL 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 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

² G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

³ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.2

California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
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In 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:

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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.

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, please contact Chase Grady at (916) 568-4241.

CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

/s/ Chase Grady

Chase Grady
Associate Rates & Regulatory Analyst

Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
XXXXX-W	Schedule No. MO-1C GENERAL METERED SERVICE in the Monterey Service Area Tariff Area NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS Sheet 7	11001-W
XXXXX-W	Schedule No. MO-1-MF GENERAL METERED SERVICE in the Monterey Service Area Tariff Area MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS Sheet 4	11000-W
XXXXX-W	Schedule No. MO-1O GENERAL METERED SERVICE in the Monterey Service Area Tariff Area OTHER CUSTOMERS Sheet 5	11002-W
XXXXX-W	Schedule No. MO-1-SF GENERAL METERED SERVICE in the Monterey Service Area Tariff Area SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS Sheet 4	10999-W
XXXXX-W	Schedule No. CA-4 California American Water PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE Sheet 5	10438-W

Schedule No. MO-1C

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GENERAL METERED SERVICE in the Monterey Service Area Tariff Area
NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

CENTRAL DIVISION TARIFF AREA (Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Fees and Surcharges:

Monterey Service Area

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No.UF.
2. A surcharge is included on each bill to collect franchise taxes and/or business license fees paid to various municipalities. The amount collected is based on a percentage of the gross revenues of each bill. The percentages are as follows:
Franchise Fees: Ryan Ranch 1.00%, City of Pacific Grove 2.00%, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea 2.00%, City of Seaside 1.00%, City of Del Rey Oaks Franchise Fee 2.00%, City of Monterey 1.00%, City of Sand City 1.00%, and unincorporated areas of Monterey County 1.00%.
Business Fees: City of Del Rey Oaks 0.11% and City of Sand City 0.12%. (N)
3. A surcharge for the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) is applied to each California American Water customer bill. Please refer to tariff CA-FEES for charges and details.
4. Per Advice Letter 1152, a fee of 8.325%, imposed by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), will be assessed against the customer's monthly base bill to fund MPWMD's environmental mitigation, water supply, and conservation programs, as well as other activities. The fee will remain in effect until otherwise directed by the Commission. This fee is applicable to customers in the Monterey Main, Bishop, Hidden Hills and Ryan Ranch areas.
5. Per Advice Letter 1440, a surcharge is included in each bill to recover the net under-collection in the Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (WRAM) and Modified Cost Balancing Account (MCBA). For the period ending December 31, 2023, the net under collection totals \$4,925,395 including interest. The surcharge is shown in the table below is set to recover the under collection at a rate equal to 15% of the authorized revenue requirement as approved by D.21-11-018, will be collected over 15 months beginning April 1, 2024.

Non-Residential		
Monterey Main, Hidden Hills, Ryan Ranch, & Bishop Systems:	Surcharge per 100 gal	Months
Division 1	\$0.3837	15
Division 2	\$0.4316	15
Division 3	\$0.4796	15
Division 4	\$0.9592	15

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Schedule No. MO-1-MF

GENERAL METERED SERVICE in the Monterey Service Area Tariff Area
MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

CENTRAL DIVISION TARIFF AREA (Continued)

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Schedule No. MO-10 Sheet 5
 GENERAL METERED SERVICE in the Monterey Service Area Tariff Area
OTHER CUSTOMERS

CENTRAL DIVISION TARIFF AREA

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	Surcharge per 100 gal	Months
OWU-Permanent		
Block 1	\$0.2098	15
Block 2	\$0.4196	15
Block 3	\$1.6785	15
OWU-Temporary	\$0.2098	15

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GENERAL METERED SERVICE in the Monterey Service Area Tariff Area
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Sheet 4

CENTRAL DIVISION TARIFF AREA

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Schedule No. CA-4

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California American Water

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

California American Water Service Areas

10. No structure shall be built over the fire protection service and the customer shall maintain and safeguard the area occupied by the service from traffic and other hazardous conditions. The customer will be responsible for any damage to the fire protection service facilities.
11. Subject to the approval of the Utility, any change in the location or construction of fire protection service as may be requested by public authority or the customer will be made by the Utility following payment to the Utility of the entire cost of such charge.

Monterey Service Area:

1. Customers who use California American Water system to provide for fire flow, but do not receive their domestic supply from California American Water, will pay a special Private Fire Protection Service rate equal to either the higher of the standard rate for their size service or a rate equal to the sum of the standard monthly Service Charges that would be billed for all the properties served by the Private Fire Service if they did receive domestic service. All fire service to non-domestic customers will be considered private fire service. If a new public fire hydrant is required to be installed for a non-domestic customer and other customers will benefit, no fee will be charged.
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 (N)
3. Per D.18-12-021 a meter-based bill credit for the 2020 Excess Plant Related Accumulated Deferred Income Tax will be refunded to customers over 12-months beginning November 1, 2021, as shown in the table below.

Meter Size	Refunds by Meter Equivalents
For each 1-inch service	\$0.24
For each 1-1/2-inch service	\$0.17
For each 2-inch service	\$0.17
For each 3-inch service	\$0.20
For each 4-inch service	\$0.22
For each 6-inch service	\$0.38
For each 8-inch service	\$0.57
For each 10-inch service	\$1.12
Hydrant	\$0.19

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