

# SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY

July 1, 2016

Advice Letter No. 481

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## TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

San Gabriel Valley Water Company ("San Gabriel") hereby requests ministerial review and approval of the following changes in tariff sheets applicable to its Los Angeles County division:

<u>CPUC Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Schedule No.</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
2584-W	General Metered Service	LA-1	2540-W
2585-W	General Metered Service – Conservation Rates	LA-1C	2542-W
2586-W	Recycled Water Metered Service	LA-6	2544-W
2587-W	Preliminary Statement (cont'd)	N/A	2393-W
2588-W	Table of Contents (cont'd)	N/A	2577-W
2589-W	Table of Contents	N/A	2583-W

This **expense offset** filing increases revenues in San Gabriel's Los Angeles County division by \$1,287,979 or 1.8% to offset increases in water supply costs and groundwater pumping assessments for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. In accordance with Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(7) as modified by Resolution W-4664 and Water Industry Rule 8.4 of General Order 96-B, **this filing is designated Tier 1**. The attached tariff schedules shall take effect July 1, 2016 and increase rates by \$0.0901/Ccf.

### **Purpose and Background**

The major portion of water supplies for San Gabriel's Los Angeles County division come from groundwater pumped from the Main San Gabriel Basin and to a lesser extent from groundwater pumped from the Central Basin. The Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster increased its Replacement Water Assessment from the adopted

\$797.00 per acre foot (AF) currently reflected in rates to \$869.00/AF. As a direct result, the costs of leased water and certain recycled water costs have also increased. In the Central Basin, the Central Basin Municipal Water District increased the Replenishment Assessment from the adopted \$283.00/AF to \$297.00/AF.

The water supply costs and assessments currently reflected in rates were adopted in Advice Letter 466-A based on the adopted test year quantities set forth in Decision 11-11-018. The present rate schedules in this division became effective on March 21, 2016 as a result of Advice Letter 476.

The impact of these changes to water supply costs and assessments increases the adopted expense from \$17,240,572 to \$18,513,712, and increases the previously adopted Advice Letter 476 revenue requirement of \$70,884,131 by \$1,287,979 or 1.8% to \$72,172,110. The new rates submitted with this advice letter raise the monthly bill of the typical residential customer on Schedule No. LA-1 with a 5/8" x 3/4" meter using 14 Ccf by \$1.26 or 2.0% from \$64.40 to \$65.66 and customers on Schedule No. LA-1C by \$1.27 or 2.0% from \$62.52 to \$63.78. San Gabriel has furnished the Commission's Water Division staff with two copies of workpapers providing detailed support for the proposed increase.

The matters addressed in this advice letter are not now the subject of any formal filings with the California Public Utilities Commission, including a formal complaint, nor action in any court of law.

#### **Notice of Rate Increase**

In accordance with Water Industry Rule 3.2 of General Order 96-B, as modified by Commission Resolution W-4664, San Gabriel will inform its customers of the increase by bill insert (a draft of which is provided with the workpapers) in the first bill that includes the increased rates. No other parties have requested notification of tariff filings related to the Los Angeles County division.

In accordance with Water Industry Rule 3.3 of General Order 96-B, San Gabriel will also post this advice letter to its website [www.sgvwater.com](http://www.sgvwater.com). Finally, distribution of this advice letter is being made to the attached service list in accordance with Water Industry Rule 4.1 of General Order No. 96-B.

**Protest and Responses**

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

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,  
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102  
Email: [water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water_division@cpuc.ca.gov)

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 of the protest by mail to San Gabriel addressed as follows:

San Gabriel Valley Water Company  
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs  
11142 Garvey Avenue  
El Monte, CA 91733  
FAX: (626)448-5530 or  
E-mail: [dadellosa@sgwater.com](mailto:dadellosa@sgwater.com)

The advice letter process does not provide for any responses, protests or comments, except for San Gabriel's reply, after the 20-day comment period.

Replies: San Gabriel will 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

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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 me at (626) 448-6183.



Joel M. Reiker  
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

cc: Bruce DeBerry, CPUC – Division of Water and Audits  
Hani Moussa, CPUC – Water Branch, ORA  
Danilo Sanchez, CPUC – Water Branch, ORA

**SCHEDULE NO. LA-1**  
Los Angeles County Tariff Area  
**GENERAL METERED SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered water service, except for those Residential customers required to be served under Schedule LA-1C.

**TERRITORY**

Portions of Arcadia, Baldwin Park, El Monte, City of Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, West Covina, Whittier and vicinity, Los Angeles County.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

For all water delivered, per 100 cu. ft..... \$ 2.8329 (I)

Service Charge:

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 20.09
For 3/4-inch meter .....	30.12
For 1-inch meter .....	50.19
For 1-1/2-inch meter.....	100.41
For 2-inch meter .....	160.65
For 3-inch meter .....	301.20
For 4-inch meter .....	502.00
For 6-inch meter .....	1,001.00
For 8-inch meter .....	1,599.00
For 10-inch meter .....	2,311.00
For 12-inch meter .....	3,312.00
For 14-inch meter .....	4,415.00

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**SCHEDULE NO. LA-1C**  
Los Angeles County Tariff Area  
**GENERAL METERED SERVICE - CONSERVATION RATES**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all metered Residential customers, excluding apartments, trailer parks, and any other facility in which Residential customers receive service through a master meter.

**TERRITORY**

Portions of Arcadia, Baldwin Park, El Monte, City of Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, West Covina, Whittier and vicinity, Los Angeles County.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

For the first 13 Ccf of water used, per 100 cu. ft. ....	\$ 2.6730	(I)
For all Ccf greater than 13 Ccf, per 100 Cu. Ft. ....	\$ 3.0284	(I)

Per Meter  
Per Month

Service Charges:

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 20.09
For 3/4-inch meter .....	30.12
For 1-inch meter .....	50.19
For 1-1/2-inch meter .....	100.41
For 2-inch meter .....	160.65
For 3-inch meter .....	301.20

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. AA-UF.
2. A surcharge of \$0.1851/Ccf is to be applied to the quantity rates of only non-CARW customers to cover the estimated benefits provided under the California Alternative Rates for Water (CARW) Program.
3. A surcharge of \$0.2372 per Ccf is to be applied to the quantity rates for twelve-months beginning on the effective date of Advice Letter 468 and ending September 1, 2016 to amortize the undercollection in the California Alternative Rates for Water (CARW) Balancing Account.

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**SCHEDULE NO. LA-6**  
Los Angeles County Tariff Area  
**RECYCLED WATER METERED SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all recycled water metered service.

**TERRITORY**

Portions of Arcadia, Baldwin Park, El Monte, City of Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, West Covina, Whittier and vicinity, Los Angeles County.

**RATES**

Quantity Rates:

For all water delivered per 100 cu. ft..... \$ 2.4080 (I)

Service Charge:

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 20.09
For 3/4-inch meter .....	30.12
For 1-inch meter .....	50.19
For 1-1/2-inch meter.....	100.41
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**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**  
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**H1. Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (WRAM) Memorandum Account for the Los Angeles County Division**

1. Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum account is to track the Quantity Rate revenues collected under Schedule LA-1C tiered rates against the revenues that would have been collected under a single block Quantity Rate.
2. The following entries will be made monthly to the WRAM memorandum Account in the Los Angeles County division:
  - a. The recorded revenues collected through the tiered Quantity Rate under Schedule No. LA-1C (debit).
  - b. The calculated revenues that would have been collected under a single block Quantity Rate for the same water usage as in 2a above (credit).
  - c. The CPUC-adopted Quantity Rates (\$/Ccf) to be used in calculating the revenues for 2a and 2b above are as follows:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Single Block Rate</u>	0-13 Ccf/mo. Over 13 Ccf/mo.		
		<u>Tier 1 Rate</u>	<u>Tier 2 Rate</u>	
July 1, 2013	\$2.5295	\$2.3696	\$2.7250	(D)
July 25, 2013	\$2.6432	\$2.4833	\$2.8387	
January 28, 2015	\$2.6906	\$2.5307	\$2.8861	
July 1, 2015	\$2.7428	\$2.5829	\$2.9383	
July 1, 2016	\$2.8329	\$2.6730	\$3.0284	(T)

- d. Franchise fees and uncollectible account expense, based on the net of 2a and 2b above, and the CPUC-adopted rates for franchise fees and uncollectible expenses.
  - e. Monthly interest calculated at 1/12 of the most recent month's interest rate on Commercial Paper (prime, 3-month), published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15 (<http://www/federalreserve.gov/releases/H15/data/m/cp3m.txt>), or its successor publication.
3. The balance in the memorandum account shall be amortized by a Tier 1 advice letter whenever the balance exceeds 2% of the authorized revenue requirement for the preceding calendar year. If the balance is below 2%, San Gabriel shall propose its amortization in a general rate case.
4. The memorandum account will terminate when so ordered in a CPUC general rate case decision, at which time any remaining debit (undercollection) or credit (overcollection) balance will be amortized through a rate surcharge or surcredit.

*Authorization: Established pursuant to D.10-04-031, Ordering Paragraph 4; and Advice Letter 385*

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