



March 14, 2012

Administrative Law Judge Richard Smith
Public Advisors Office
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2103
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Golden State Water Company Ojai Service Area Application No. 11-07-017- Public Notice

Dear Judge Smith:

The notice for the Public Participation Hearing for Golden State Water Company (GSWC) Rate Increase seems to be using Casitas Municipal Water District's (CMWD) wholesale water sales as one of the reasons for this rate increase. The notice reads:

"These increases are necessary to **keep up with increased purchased water and pumping costs** which are out of GSWC's control and to meet GSWC's goals to ensure a safe and reliable source of supply, improve infrastructure and to promote the efficient use of water." (Emphasis added, see enclosure)

Here are the facts surrounding water purchases from CMWD:

CMWD is the only source of water for Golden State to purchase for the Ojai service area.

Golden States' water purchases from CMWD have been consistently dropping:

In 2008 – GSWC purchased 646 AF

In 2009 - 578 AF

In 2010 - 266 AF

In 2011 - 113 AF (See enclosed consumption report)

And finally, CMWD has not had a rate increase in three years.

Simply stated, GSWC is purchasing less water with no increase in price.

CMWD wishes to make these facts absolutely clear to the Public Utility Commissioners and in the Administrative Law Judge's record, that wholesale water purchased from CMWD is NOT one of the reasons to justify a rate increase.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue of importance to CMWD and the community of Ojai.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russ Baggerly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "B".

Russ Baggerly
President of the Board

cc: Lisa Bilir - Division of Ratepayers Advocates, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
Rod Clark, Manager City of Ojai

Enclosures: Notice of Public Participation Hearing, Golden State Water Company Ojai Service
Area Application No. 11-07-017 - February 29, 2012
CMWD Water Consumption Report for GSWC

Si necesita asistencia en Español, tenemos representantes de servicio al cliente disponibles para ayudarle cuando lo solicite, por favor llame al número 1-800-999-4033.

**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING
CENTRAL COASTAL DISTRICT - OJAI SERVICE AREA
APPLICATION NO. 11-07-017**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has scheduled Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) on Golden State Water Company's (GSWC) Application No. 11-07-017 to increase rates in 2013, 2014 and 2015. As part of its decision-making process, the CPUC is interested in your comments about the rate application and any aspect of GSWC's operations, customer service, or other issues related to the company.

The PPH provides the public an opportunity to provide comment on any portion of GSWC's Application before a CPUC Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). If you cannot be present for a PPH, you may submit your comments via a letter or e-mail to the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) at the address noted below. Customers have the option to submit written comments or make a brief oral statement.

In GSWC's Central Coastal District, which includes the Ojai Customer Service Area, the CPUC has chosen the following location for the PPH:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING
February 29, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Chaparral High School Auditorium
414 East Ojai Avenue
Ojai, CA 93023

If special accommodations are needed such as sign language, please contact the Public Advisor's Office at least 5 business days prior to the hearing date at 866-849-8390.

GSWC filed Application 11-07-017 on July 21, 2011 with the CPUC requesting the following increase over authorized 2011 revenues for the Ojai Service Area: \$795,300, or 14.80% in 2013, an additional increase of \$303,600, or 4.90% in 2014, and an additional increase of \$340,500 or 5.30% in 2015.

These increases are necessary to keep up with increased purchased water and pumping costs which are out of GSWC's control and to meet GSWC's goals to ensure a safe and reliable source of supply, improve infrastructure and to promote the efficient use of water.

The table below shows the average monthly bill by customer class for metered customers:

Year	Residential				Commercial			
	Monthly Bill for a 5/8 x 3/4" meter using 12 CCF				Monthly Bill for a 2" meter using 112 CCF			
	Current	Proposed	Dollar Increase	% Increase	Current	Proposed	Dollar Increase	% Increase
2013	\$72.57	\$78.26	\$5.69	7.84%	\$703.07	\$822.11	\$119.03	16.9%
2014	\$78.26	\$82.03	\$3.77	4.82%	\$822.11	\$839.70	\$16.59	2.0%
2015	\$82.03	\$86.28	\$4.25	5.16%	\$838.70	\$855.65	\$16.95	2.0%

Year	Industrial				Public Authority			
	Monthly Bill for a 2" meter using 83 CCF				Monthly Bill for a 3" meter using 186 CCF			
	Current	Proposed	Dollar Increase	% Increase	Current	Proposed	Dollar Increase	% Increase
2013	\$497.18	\$590.14	\$92.97	18.7%	\$1,229.27	\$1,441.42	\$212.15	17.3%
2014	\$590.14	\$604.67	\$14.53	2.5%	\$1,441.42	\$1,472.12	\$30.70	2.1%
2015	\$604.67	\$618.49	\$13.81	2.5%	\$1,472.12	\$1,501.81	\$29.68	2.0%

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE APPLICATION

A copy of GSWC's Application No. 11-07-017 may be examined at the local office located at 408-G Bryant Circle, Ojai, CA 93023 or online at www.gswater.com.

Copies of the proposed application filing are also available for review at the California Public Utilities Commission's Central Files office at 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102 from 8:00 a.m. to noon daily.

If you need additional information, you may visit www.gswater.com or call our 24-hour Customer Service Center; toll free, at 1-800-999-4033, TTY 1-877-933-9533.

The CPUC's policy is to hold public meetings at locations that are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need special accommodations, bi-lingual services, or sign language interpreters, please contact the PAO at (415) 703-2074, toll-free at 1-866-849-8390, TTY (415) 703-5282, or toll-free TTY at 1-866-836-7825, at least five working days prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

If you wish to comment on this filing as a customer of GSWC, you may do so by e-mail or writing to the Public Advisor's Office (PAO). Written public comments by GSWC customers is very much desired by the CPUC and may be sent to the Public Advisor's Office at 320 West 4th St., Ste. 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013 or via e-mail to public_advisor_in@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to Golden State Water Company's Application No. 11-07-017 on any written or e-mail correspondences. All public comments received by the PAO are provided to the CPUC Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) assigned to the proceeding. All e-mails and written correspondences become part of the formal file under public comments. Participating Divisions within the CPUC who are reviewing the request by GSWC will also receive a copy of all public comments.

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

CNS#2286393

Enclosure: Number 1. Public Notice in Ventura County Star Newspaper of Public Participation Hearing to Increase Rates-Golden State Water Company

Golden State Water
 Water Consumption 2001 - 2011
 By Account

Account	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
32-29998-00	10	15	15	15	15	25	25	20	20	20	20	20	105
2001	20	10	10	20	20	15	15	20	20	20	15	15	100
2002	10	15	15	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
2003	5	15	15	20	20	35	35	15	15	20	20	20	110
2004	10	55	55	35	35	85	85	65	65	20	20	20	270
2005	30	35	35	35	35	70	70	30	30	70	70	70	270
2006	80	75	75	45	45	70	70	95	95	75	75	75	440
2007	40	90	90	60	60	80	80	90	90	80	80	80	440
2008	35	115	115	70	70	140	140	35	35	40	40	40	435
2009	40	10	10	12	12	154	154	114	114	57	57	57	387
2010	41	24	24	43	43	124	124	150	150	150	150	150	532
	<u>321</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>798</u>	<u>798</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>3,129</u>

Account	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
81-33413-00	115	0	215	25	80	140	1,190	2,140	1,745	1,130	70	0	6,850
2001	115	0	0	0	0	0	340	180	110	1,850	0	0	2,595
2002	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
2003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,882	9,882
2005	121	343	103	126	50	385	46,115	1,570	0	75	165	2,580	51,633
2006	80	65	25	180	235	3,990	22,850	21,275	23,215	16,970	17,355	10,225	116,465
2007	1,490	295	160	0	975	10,625	8,150	13,710	8,000	8,770	4,345	150	56,670
2008	275	460	605	850	1,130	2,180	7,975	29,075	35,840	39,475	6,130	155	124,150
2009	0	215	30	725	65	775	4,980	22,955	27,475	34,885	600	195	92,900
2010	25	75	20	15	320	4,165	1,405	17,185	14,015	11,150	30	0	48,405
2011													
	<u>2,231</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>1,158</u>	<u>1,921</u>	<u>2,855</u>	<u>22,260</u>	<u>93,005</u>	<u>108,090</u>	<u>110,400</u>	<u>114,305</u>	<u>28,695</u>	<u>23,187</u>	<u>509,560</u>

Enclosure: Number 2. Casitas Municipal Water District Consumption Report for Golden State Water Company

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
32-30007-00													
2001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
2004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	50
2005	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	7
2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>68</u>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
32-30010-00													
2001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
2007	2	0	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19
2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22</u>

41-311143-00	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2001	0	0	20	0	0	0	19,515	10,335	26,750	14,010	1,960	20	72,610
2002	5	70	115	5,340	10,305	18,500	37,705	31,000	46,025	35,805	17,305	0	202,175
2003	5	0	0	450	0	0	5,475	34,685	35,290	40,990	21,830	0	138,725
2004	0	0	0	0	18,670	36,125	45,255	51,590	47,710	41,120	18,315	990	259,775
2005	0	0	5	0	0	17,130	17,830	27,270	40,995	9,650	2,655	1,205	116,740
2006	9,085	8,015	10,525	6,050	4,060	25,605	22,650	37,550	36,605	28,380	5,445	65	194,035
2007	730	325	5	2,000	8,650	30,510	35,810	28,975	36,315	22,720	7,240	3,150	176,430
2008	0	0	0	1,220	27,675	15,045	39,590	40,310	38,050	36,295	23,415	2,495	224,095
2009	5	0	0	0	10,480	13,110	17,875	27,765	26,850	19,690	9,200	2,395	127,370
2010	5	3,420	4,875	2,030	1,280	5,745	3,865	220	480	615	0	0	22,535
2011	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	235	0	0	0	0	240
	9,835	11,830	15,545	17,090	81,125	161,770	245,570	289,935	335,070	249,275	107,365	10,320	1,534,730

81-25275-00	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,275	12,850	4,380	3,750	0	33,255
2003	0	0	0	1,821	3,890	7,480	10,590	0	1,210	2,505	375	0	27,871
2004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,145	18,645	8,040	2,395	0	32,225
2005	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	1,415	0	0	0	1,500
2006	0	0	0	5	40	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	150
2007	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	1,826	3,935	7,565	10,590	15,525	34,120	14,925	6,520	0	95,006

81-26182-00	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2001	0	190	70	20	110	130	1,390	2,270	1,920	1,215	125	0	7,440
2002	150	0	45	115	0	0	370	175	110	1,800	0	0	2,765
2003	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	155	190	115	135	110	130	1,760	2,445	2,030	3,015	125	0	10,210

Total	12,389	13,473	17,251	20,857	88,395	191,725	351,360	415,820	482,147	379,720	143,311	33,507	2,152,725
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Golden State Water
 Water Consumption 2001 - 2011
 Account Summary by Year

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	AF Sales
2001	125	190	320	45	205	270	22,120	14,745	30,435	16,355	2,175	20	87,005	200
2002	290	70	170	5,455	10,325	18,500	38,430	43,630	59,115	43,835	21,070	0	240,890	553
2003	30	0	15	2,271	3,905	7,480	16,065	34,685	36,500	43,495	22,214	0	166,660	383
2004	5	0	15	0	18,690	36,125	45,290	54,735	66,370	49,160	20,780	990	292,160	671
2005	10	0	60	0	35	17,215	17,919	27,270	42,478	9,650	2,675	11,087	128,399	295
2006	9,236	8,358	10,663	6,181	4,185	25,990	68,837	39,225	36,635	28,455	5,680	2,645	246,090	565
2007	892	390	123	2,180	8,935	34,500	58,731	50,250	59,625	39,690	24,670	13,375	293,361	673
2008	1,530	295	250	1,220	28,710	25,670	47,820	54,020	46,140	45,065	27,840	2,645	281,205	646
2009	315	460	720	850	11,680	15,290	25,990	56,840	62,725	59,165	15,370	2,550	251,955	578
2010	45	3,635	4,915	2,755	1,357	6,520	8,999	23,175	28,069	35,500	657	195	115,822	266
2011	66	75	45	15	368	4,165	1,529	17,420	14,165	11,150	180	0	49,178	113
	12,544	13,473	17,296	20,972	88,395	191,725	351,730	415,995	482,257	381,520	143,311	33,507	2,152,725	4,942