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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of the
GOLDEN STATE WATER
COMPANY (U-133W) for an order (1)
authorizing it to increase rates for
water service by \$95,178,800 or 19.40%
in 2028; (2) authorizing it to increase
rates by \$40,268,700 or 6.88% in 2029,
and to increase rates by \$41,031,900 or
6.57% in 2030 in accordance with the
Rate Case Plan; and (3) adopting other
related rulings and relief necessary to
implement the Commission's
ratemaking policies.

Application 26-07-001

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION HEARINGS**

Golden State Water Company (Golden State) filed Application (A.) 26-07-001 with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for authority to increase rates in its nine ratemaking areas. The application says the rate changes will allow Golden State to invest in crucial plant, property and other equipment needed to provide safe and reliable service to its customers.

In this ruling the Commission sets twelve remote and in-person public participation hearings (PPHs). The dates, times, and attendance/participation information is detailed below. The purpose of the PPHs is to provide opportunities for the customers of Golden State to communicate directly with the Commission regarding the proposed revenue and rate base changes. Golden

State shall take certain actions to further notice and facilitate public participation at these hearings.

1. PPH Details

The details of the **virtual PPH** are as follows:

DATE AND TIME	INSTRUCTIONS	
Monday, February 1, 2027, 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Telephone Number to comment publicly and/or listen:	(800) 857-1917
	Passcode	1673482#
	Website to view the public participation hearing and to access the video recording afterward.	www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/

The details of the **in-person PPHs** are as follows:

REGION	DATE AND TIME	MEETING ADDRESS
Santa Maria/ Central Coast Area	Tuesday, January 5, 2027 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Santa Maria Board Hearing Room 511 Lakeside Pkwy. Santa Maria, CA 93455
Barstow	Thursday, January 7, 2027 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Barstow City Council Chambers 220 East Mountain View St. Barstow, CA 92311
Clearlake	Tuesday, January 12, 2027 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Clearlake City Hall Council Chambers 14050 Olympic Dr. Clearlake, CA 95422
Claremont / Los Angeles County / Inland Empire	Tuesday, January 19, 2027 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Alexander Hughes Community Center – Padua Room 1700 Danbury Rd. Claremont, CA 91711

REGION	DATE AND TIME	MEETING ADDRESS
Calipatria / Imperial Valley	Thursday, January 21, 2027 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Calipatria City Council Chambers 125 North Park Ave. Calipatria, CA 92233
Rancho Cordova / Sacramento Area	Wednesday, January 27, 2027 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Rancho Cordova City Hall – American River Room North 2729 Prospect Park Dr. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

2. Who May Attend/Participate in the PPH

2.1. Virtual PPHs

For the February 1, 2027, virtual PPHs, anyone may participate or observe the PPH via phone using the information provided above. To comment, after entering the passcode, press star (*) 1 and record your name when prompted. You will be put in a queue in the order you dialed in. The webcast is for viewing only.

2.2. In-Person PPHs

For the in-person PPHs, anyone may attend the PPH at the addresses provided above.

3. Directives to Parties and Observers

This ruling directs Golden State to assist in the outreach and promotion of the PPHs.

Golden State shall prepare the name, title, and telephone number of at least one senior customer service representative who can represent Golden State and can be reached by customers during the hearing for individual service or billing issues. A representative from Golden State must also be prepared to respond to specific questions about material in Golden State's respective filings in this proceeding. Golden State shall provide this information to the Public

Advisor's Office no later than five (5) business days before the first PPH. This information may be publicly posted or announced during the PPH.

Golden State is directed to:

- Include notice of the PPH as a written insert with a mailed bill to customers that currently receive bills via the United States Postal Service. The draft notice shall inform customers about the upcoming PPHs, including their purpose, and a summary of the relief that Golden State is requesting in its application. The notice must provide the details about how to view the remote and in-person PPHs and how to participate (see Section 1 of this ruling). Golden State shall send an e-mail message to all customers that elect to receive their bills via e-mail. The subject line of the e-mail must clearly notify the recipient that PPHs will be held in this proceeding. The draft notice shall inform customers about the upcoming PPHs and a summary of the relief that Golden State is requesting in its application. The notice must provide the details of how to view and participate in the remote and in-person PPHs (see Section 1 in this ruling.) Golden State shall provide a draft notice to the Public Advisor's Office within 10 days of the issuance of this ruling, and the Public Advisor's Office may modify the draft notice;
- Send a text message to all customers that elect to receive information via text. Golden State shall provide a draft of the text message to the Public Advisor's Office within 10 days of the issuance of this ruling, and the Public Advisor's Office may modify the draft message;
- Publicize the PPH on all social media platforms used by Golden State;
- Post notice of the PPHs on Golden State's website in a prominent location so that customers can easily access the notice;
- Post notice of the PPH in any other news outlets or community bulletin board spaces commonly utilized by the public;

- Provide all draft notices to the Public Advisor's Office within 10 days of the issuance of this ruling, and the Public Advisor's Office may modify the draft notice.

By no later than five (5) business days prior to the first PPH, Golden State shall send a letter to the Public Advisor's Office verifying that it has complied with all directives set forth above and attaching a copy of the notice for each communication method (compliance letter). For each communication method described above, the letter shall state the dates Golden State sent the notice to customers, the approximate number of customers notified, and the geographic location covered.

4. Procedural Instructions

All PPHs will have court reporters transcribing the hearing. For the virtual PPH, court reporters will be relying on the audio from the Verizon telephone system, and not Webex, to transcribe the PPH. To ensure a complete and accurate record, participants should comply with the following instructions:

- Speakers must identify themselves before speaking each time and state and spell their name the first time that they speak;
- Speakers must speak slowly, clearly, and one at a time; and
- Speakers should pause between statements during the PPH.

The court reporter will interrupt speakers, if necessary, when there is/are inaudible statement(s) or portions thereof. The reporter will insert the word "inaudible" in the transcript when a speaker cannot be understood.

5. Accommodations

To make a request for language or other accommodation, please contact the Commission's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov at least

five business days prior to the PPH. When making your request, please specify the PPH time and the accommodation requested.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated October 2, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DAVID R. VAN DYKEN

David R. Van Dyken
Administrative Law Judge