

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WATER DIVISION

RESOLUTION W-5251  
April 21, 2022

### RESOLUTION

**(RES. W-5251) SEARLES DOMESTIC WATER COMPANY, LLC. ORDER AUTHORIZING A MONTHLY SURCHARGE OF \$4.76 PER CUSTOMER, FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX MONTHS, TO AMORTIZE THE BALANCE OF \$135,941 RECORDED IN ITS LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES COST MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT, TO BE PAID FOR BY RATEPAYERS.**

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### SUMMARY

By Advice Letter (AL) 70-W, filed on December 7, 2020, Searles Domestic Water Company, LLC (SDWC) requests Commission authority to: 1) amortize the balance of \$135,941 recorded in its Legal and Regulatory Services Cost Memorandum Account (LRCMA); 2) establish the Legal and Regulatory Services Cost Balancing Account (LRCBA) to transfer the \$135,941 from the LRCMA to the LRCBA for recovery; and 3) assess a monthly surcharge of \$4.76 per customer over a period of 36 months.

This Resolution authorizes SDWC to establish the LRCBA and implement a monthly surcharge of \$4.76 per customer over a period of 36 months, to amortize the \$135,941 recorded in SDWC's LRCMA.

### BACKGROUND

By AL 70-W, filed on December 7, 2020, SDWC requested authority under General Order (GO) 96-B and Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase rates to amortize \$135,941 for expenses incurred in response to a formal Complaint (C.) 18-12-012) filed with the Commission by Panamint Valley Limestone, Inc. (PVL) on

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December 2, 2018,<sup>1</sup> over allegedly improper denial of water service. Additional information regarding PVL's formal complaint is provided below.

Additionally, SDWC requests Commission authority to establish the Legal and Regulatory Services Cost Balancing Account (LRCBA); to transfer the September 7, 2020 recorded balance of \$135,941 from its LRCMA<sup>2</sup> to its LRCBA for amortization; and to implement a monthly surcharge of \$4.76 per customer over a period of 36 months. When the Commission deems the amount recorded in a memorandum account to be reasonable for cost recovery, this amount is transferred to a balancing account for the authorized cost recovery from customers.<sup>3</sup>

For ratemaking purposes, SDWC is classified as a Class C water utility with approximately 800 metered and 3 flat-rate service connections.<sup>4</sup> The SDWC service territory covers the unincorporated communities of Argus, Trona, Pioneer Point, Borosolvay, and South Trona, all within San Bernardino County, CA 93562.

SDWC's present rates became effective on October 26, 2020, pursuant to AL 69-W, which authorized a Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for 2019 of \$16,945 or 2.30%.

SDWC has obtained its water from parent company Searles Valley Minerals (SVM) through a purchased water agreement since 1943.<sup>5</sup> SVM's water source is from the Indian Wells Valley Basin, a groundwater basin identified by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in a condition of critical overdraft.<sup>6</sup>

## Formal Complaint (C.) 18-12-012

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<sup>1</sup> PANAMINT VALLEY LIMESTONE, INC., Complainant, vs. SEARLES DOMESTIC WATER COMPANY, LLC (U368W), Defendant. Formal Complaint filed on December 12, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Searles Domestic Water Company's LRCMA was approved on November 19, 2018 per Advice Letter 61-W.

<sup>3</sup> CPUC Standard Practice U-27-W, Standard Practice for Processing Rate Offsets and Establishing and Amortizing Memorandum Accounts

<sup>4</sup> As defined in General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rules Section 1.2, Class C utilities serve 501 through 2,000 service connections.

<sup>5</sup> The water purchase agreement has been renewed continuously since with the most recent renewal in 2015.

<sup>6</sup> As defined in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), effective September 16, 2014, "A basin is subject to critical overdraft when continuation of present water management practices would probably result in significant adverse overdraft-related environmental, social, or economic impacts."

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PVL is a commercial entity seeking to build a limestone processing plant within SDWC's service territory. PVL requested that SDWC supply its facility with water service for its domestic use (bathrooms, lights, etc.) and commercial operational (processing of limestone) requirements.

On December 12, 2018, PVL filed formal Complaint (C.) 18-12-012 against SDWC for improper denial of water service by the utility. In the complaint, PVL asserted that SDWC should supply PVL with its water needs of 26 gallons per minute (GPM), approximately 1,150,000 gallons, or 1,537 hundred cubic feet (CCF)<sup>7</sup> per month of potable water to serve the limestone processing plant it intended<sup>89</sup>

The firm Goodin, MacBride, Squeri & Day, LLP (Goodin MacBride), and its attorneys, were hired by SDWC to represent the utility in C. 18-12-012.

On February 4, 2019, SDWC filed a verified answer asserting that SDWC had not violated a statute or Commission order and that its tariff Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service, contains Special Condition 3 which permits SDWC to limit water delivery to any customer to 8,000 cubic feet per month.<sup>10</sup>

On April 2, 2019, PVL filed an Amended Complaint alleging discrimination by SDWC under Public Utilities Code §453(a) for refusal of water service. PVL also asserted that SDWC had to provide PVL with a "Form W1 – Public Water Service Certification" allegedly required by the County of San Bernardino (County) to issue a Conditional Use Permit (Permit) to PVL for the limestone processing plant.<sup>11</sup>

On April 18, 2019, PVL filed a Notice of Motion for Emergency Relief requesting that SDWC provide PVL up to 8,000 cubic feet of potable water per month.<sup>12</sup> On May 6, 2019, PVL filed a second amendment to the complaint contending that SDWC discriminated against and improperly refused to provide water service to PVL and that

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<sup>7</sup> 1 CCF is equivalent to 748 gallons.

<sup>9</sup> D. 20-04-039, pg. 4.

<sup>10</sup> Searles Domestic Water Company Sheet No. 388-W, Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service, Special Condition 3: "The utility reserves the right to limit the quantity of water delivered to any resident, or any commercial or industrial enterprise to 8,000 cubic feet per month."

<sup>11</sup> D. 20-04-039, pg. 5.

<sup>12</sup> PVL's April 18, 2019 Motion for Emergency Relief.

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PVL suffered irreparable harm and sought an order from the Commission to direct SDWC to provide the requested water service.<sup>13</sup>

On May 15, 2019, SDWC filed a motion to dismiss the second amended complaint on the basis that PVL failed to support its claim of discrimination and requested that the formal complaint be dismissed.<sup>14</sup>

On January 6, 2020, a Commission Status Conference was held and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) requested that PVL provide a copy of its November 2019 County of San Bernardino Conditional Use Permit (Permit) to assess the validity of SLV's water service request and the claims filed in the Complaint. Based on the information submitted by PVL, the Commission found PVL's alleged Permit requirement to be unsupported because PVL was able to obtain a Permit without SDWC providing a Form W1.<sup>15</sup>

On April 24, 2020, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 20-04-039, denying PVL's motion for emergency relief because it did not find any of the disputed issues of material fact in PVL's complaint<sup>16</sup> and therefore granted SDWC's motion to dismiss the case.

## **NOTICE AND PROTESTS**

In accordance with GO. 96-B, SDWC served a copy of AL 70-W to its service list on December 7, 2020. A notice of the proposed amortization and surcharge request was mailed to each customer and to the general service list on February 23, 2021.

Thirty-eight customer protests were timely received on SDWC's surcharge request and the utility replied to the protests. The customers in their protests primarily raised concerns regarding the customers' responsibility of paying the utility's legal fees given that they were not responsible for the complaint and that SDWC had not provided sufficient evidence to support that the legal costs incurred were reasonable.

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<sup>13</sup> PVL's May 6, 2019 Second Amended Complaint.

<sup>14</sup> SDWC's Motion To Dismiss Second Amended Complaint, filed on May 15, 2019.

<sup>15</sup> D. 20-04-039, Findings of Fact No. 4.

<sup>16</sup> D. 20-04-039, Findings of Fact No. 2, and No. 3.

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On March 19, 2021, Thomas J. MacBride, on behalf of SDWC, responded to the protests. In its response, SDWC contends that the utility as a respondent in the complaint was legally required to respond to the formal complaint initiated by PVL before the Commission. SDWC also indicates in its response that it offered to provide PVL 8,000 cubic feet per month strictly for potable use which PVL rejected.<sup>17</sup> Furthermore, SDWC was required to respond to all pleadings and data requests by PVL.

In support of PVL's legal costs, the SDWC provided all invoices for the costs incurred, including hourly rates and scope of work for the work performed. Based on the Water Division's review of these expenditures, Water Division determined that these expenditures were prudently incurred and appropriate for rate recovery as further discussed in the "Discussion" section of this Resolution.

### DISCUSSION

When a utility seeks recovery of costs recorded in a memorandum account, the utility has the burden to show that:

1. The utility acted prudently when it incurred these costs,
2. The utility paid reasonable amounts for these costs,
3. The memorandum account costs are not covered by other authorized rates, and
4. It is appropriate for ratepayers to pay for these costs in addition to otherwise authorized rates.<sup>18</sup>

The Water Division finds that SDWC acted prudently in incurring the legal costs recorded in its LRCMA. As noted by SDWC, as a defendant in the formal complaint, SDWC was required by law to respond to the complaint and all subsequent pleadings and data requests by both PVL and the presiding ALJ. Furthermore, SDWC successfully defended the utility's existing water supply by not over-extending its supply constraints through a groundwater basin already in a critical overdraft situation. SDWC acted on its responsibility to ensure that its customers continue to have access to safe and reliable water service.

As previously noted, SDWC's source of water supply is from the Indian Wells Valley Basin, which has been identified by DWR to be in conditions of critical overdraft. Significant increases in water demand by SDWC could have therefore impacted the

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<sup>17</sup> D. 20-04-039, pg. 21

<sup>18</sup> Resolution W-4824 dated April 8, 2010.

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Basin's overdraft with potential negative ramifications on SDWC's source of supply by DWR and the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) including potential monetary fines, reduction in SDWC's water allocation, or suspension of water supply allocations. PVL was requesting approximately 14 million gallons of water annually for its limestone plant. Per SDWC's 2019 annual report, the utility purchases approximately 58 million gallons annually from SVM. The requested amount of water by PVL represented approximately a 24.00% increase in annual water demand for SDWC's water system, a substantial increase. Accordingly, the Water Division finds that SDWC acted prudently by defending and protecting the utility's source of supply from a potential disruption.

The Water Division reviewed SDWC's legal invoices with corresponding hourly rates and scope of work pertaining to the legal expenses and finds the costs were prudently incurred and reasonable. SDWC's legal expenses were incurred from November 2018 to June 2020 and were all related to SDWC's participation in the Formal Complaint by PVL which included: 1) legal research, responding to Public Records Act requests, Data Requests, and inquiries from the Commission; 2) preparing comments and responses in the complaint case, and representing SDWC at the prehearing conference and hearing; 3) drafting and reviewing all filings as required by C. 18-12-012; and 4) correspondences between various parties including SDWC, the Commission, and Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority.

As a guide for evaluating and determining the reasonableness of the incurred legal expenses, the Water Division reviewed the Commission's Resolution (Res.) ALJ-387, dated October 8, 2020, which provides the 2020 adopted ranges for hourly rates for work performed by intervenor representatives including attorneys and experts.<sup>19</sup> The Water Division finds that the hourly rates incurred by SDWC are comparable to the adopted hourly rates by Res. AJL-387 reflecting the years of experience for the legal representation hired by SDWC and for the time period the expenses were incurred. Goodin MacBride has over 40 years of experience representing clients before the Commission. Their clients include public and private water service providers, telecommunications and energy companies, and municipalities. For the above reasons, the Water Division finds SDWC's legal expenses reasonable.

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<sup>19</sup> See Commission Res. ALJ-387, Adopting Intervenor Compensation Rates for 2020 and Addressing Related Matters, Page 4, Table 2

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The Water Division also reviewed the expenditures authorized in the utility's most recent rate increase and confirmed that SDWC's legal expenses are not being recovered in the utility's currently authorized rates.

The Water Division finds it appropriate for ratepayers to pay for these costs in addition to otherwise authorized rates because SDWC acted prudently in incurring the legal costs recorded in its LRCMA. SDWC, as a Defendant was legally required to respond to the formal Complaint, and its participation in the case benefited its customers by successfully defending the utility's source of water supply necessary for safe and reliable water service for its customers.

Accordingly, the Water Division finds that SDWC has met the Commission's requirements for amortization of SDWC's LRCMA account. SDWC should therefore be granted the authority to establish the LRCBA to transfer the balance of \$135,941, as of September 7, 2020, from its LRCMA to the LRCBA for amortization and to implement a monthly surcharge in the amount of \$4.76 per customer over a 36-month period. The Water Division finds reasonable the amortization of the balance of SDWC's LRCMA over a 36-month period which is consistent with the memorandum account recovery period specified in Standard Practice U-27-W for under-collections over 10% of gross revenues.<sup>20</sup> SDWC should track the revenues collected from this surcharge through its LRCBA.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

In February 2019, the Commission adopted an Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan (ESJ Action Plan) to serve as a roadmap to expand public inclusion in Commission decision-making processes to targeted communities across California. The ESJ Action Plan establishes a series of goals related to health and safety, consumer protection, program benefits, and enforcement in all the sectors the Commission regulates. On October 26, 2021, the Commission issued for public comment a Draft of its ESJ Action Plan Version 2.0, which enhances the underlying objectives of the nine goals identified in Version 1.0 of the adopted ESJ Action Plan. All goals remained the same with the exception of goal #7 related to workforce development, which has been revised to include emphasis on job quality and access. With this Resolution, the Commission

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<sup>20</sup> Per SDWC's 2019 Annual Report, the utility's gross income was \$586,765 and the under-collection amount of \$135,941 recorded in its LRCMA is approximately 23% of gross revenue.

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addresses Goal #1 of the ESJ Action Plan, “Consistently integrate equity and access considerations throughout Commission regulatory activities.”

Although the Trona area served by SDWC is not classified as a disadvantaged community,<sup>21</sup> the Water Division considered equity and access considerations through its review of the proposed transaction in this Resolution. The California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool, Version 3 (CalEnviroScreen 3.0)<sup>22</sup> provided by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), identifies disadvantaged communities by collecting multiple metrics and outputting a single value for the census tract scale. Given the Water Division’s review of these current definitions and considerations, the proposed cost recovery of SDWC’s legal costs will help maintain a sustainable and reliable water source of supply for the Trona area by protecting its ground water supply from over drafting and potentially overburdening SDWC’s system capacity, and the Indian Wells Valley Basin, a groundwater basin identified by DWR in a condition of critical overdraft.

## COMPLIANCE

SDWC has no outstanding compliance orders and has been filing annual reports as required. SDWC is currently in compliance with all SWRCB’s Division of Drinking Water (DDW) applicable water quality standards and regulations. The Water Division also conducted a review of SDWC’s last financial audit report<sup>23</sup> prepared by the Commission’s Utility Audit Branch (formerly Utility Audit, Finance and Compliance Branch) and found no outstanding compliance orders.

Pursuant to PU Code § 433(a), public utilities are required to pay an annual Public Utilities Reimbursement Fee (annual fee) to the Commission. The Water Division confirmed with the Commission’s fiscal office that SDWC is up to date with its annual user fee payments.

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<sup>21</sup> Disadvantaged communities are defined as the top 25% scoring areas from CalEnviroScreen along with other areas with high amounts of pollution and low populations.

<sup>22</sup> <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30>

<sup>23</sup> UAFCB Financial Audit Report of Searles Domestic Water Company (Years 2014 and 2015) dated September 5, 2017.

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## UTILITY SAFETY

Safety for water utilities considers a multitude of factors such as water quality, system design, operation and maintenance, and service. Among the highest safety priorities for the Commission is ensuring that water utilities serving water for human consumption provide water that is not harmful or dangerous to human health. As previously noted, SDWC is in compliance with DDW's applicable water quality standards and regulations.

The Water Division also reviewed the utility's 2016 Sanitary Survey issued by the DDW's South Coast Section Office. The Sanitary Survey included a compliance order for a leak repair at a 14-inch influent line at the utility's arsenic treatment plant. SDWC repaired the leak on October 13, 2016. SDWC therefore has no additional compliance orders.

## COMMENTS

Public Utilities Code section 311(g)(1) requires that a proposed resolution be served on all parties and subject to a public review and comment period of at least 30 days or more, prior to a vote of the Commission.

Accordingly, the proposed resolution was mailed to the service list, protestants, and made available for public comment on March 18, 2022. The Water Division received one comment, via e-mail, on the proposed resolution. The customer in its comments expressed concerns over the amount of the surcharge and the effect it will have on the customer's water bill. This resolution finds that SDWC acted prudently in incurring the legal costs recorded in its LRCMA, since the utility as a Defendant was legally required to respond to the formal Complaint. Furthermore, the utility's participation in the case benefited its customers by successfully defending the utility's source of water supply necessary for safe and reliable water service for its customers. Accordingly, no changes were made to the Resolution as a result of the comment filed on the proposed resolution.

## FINDINGS

1. By Advice Letter (AL) 70-W, filed on December 7, 2020, Searles Domestic Water Company, LLC (SDWC) requests Commission authority to: 1) amortize the

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balance of \$135,941 recorded in its Legal and Regulatory Services Cost Memorandum Account (LRCMA); 2) establish the Legal and Regulatory Services Cost Balancing Account (LRCBA) to transfer the \$135,941 from the LRCMA to the LRCBA for recovery; and 3) assess a monthly surcharge of \$4.76 per customer over a period of 36 months.

2. Searles Domestic Water Company's LRCMA was approved on November 19, 2018, per Advice Letter 61-W.
3. On December 12, 2018, Panamint Valley Limestone, Inc. (PVL) filed a formal Complaint (C.) 18-12-012 with the Commission alleging improper denial of water service by SDWC.
4. On April 24, 2020, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 20-04-039, denying PVL's Motion for Emergency Relief and granting SDWC's Motion to Dismiss the formal Complaint on the basis that PVL failed to support its claim that SDWC violated any Commission policies.
5. As of September 7, 2020, the balance in SDWC's LRCMA is \$135,941.
6. The costs SDWC requested recovery on in its LRCMA are not covered by other authorized rates.
7. SDWC acted prudently in incurring the legal expenses recorded in its LRCMA and the recorded legal expenses are reasonable.
8. SDWC has met the Commission's criteria for amortization of \$135,941 from its LRCMA for the legal expenses associated with C. 18-12-012.
9. In accordance with Public Utilities Code section 311(g)(1), the proposed resolution was mailed to the service list, protestants, and made available for public comment on March 18, 2022.
10. One customer comment was filed on the proposed resolution. The customer in its comments expressed concerns over the amount of the surcharge and the effect it will have on the customer's water bill.

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11. No changes were made to the resolution as a result of the comment filed on the proposed resolution, since this resolution finds that SDWC acted prudently in incurring the legal expenses recorded in its LRCMA and the recorded legal expenses are reasonable.
12. Authority should be granted to SDWC to establish the LRCBA and to implement a monthly surcharge of \$4.76 to be recovered from each customer over a period of 36 months to amortize the \$135,941 from its LRCMA.
13. SDWC should track the revenues collected from the monthly surcharge through its LRCBA.

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### **THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Searles Domestic Water Company is authorized to establish the Legal and Regulatory Services Cost Balancing Account (LRCBA) and to transfer the amount of \$135,941 recorded from its Legal and Regulatory Services Cost Memorandum Account (LRCMA) to its LRCBA for recovery over a period of 36 months.
2. Searles Domestic Water Company is authorized to recover the \$135,941 from its LRCBA reflected in Ordering Paragraph 1 above by implementing a monthly surcharge of \$4.76 per customer over a period of 36 months.
3. Authority is granted under Public Utilities Code 454 to Searles Domestic Water Company to make effective the revised surcharge rates in the Rate Schedules attached to this Resolution, and concurrently cancel its presently effective Schedules No. 1 General Metered Service, No. 4 Private Fire Protection Service, No. 7M Public School Metered Service, and No. 9-MLZ Surplus Water Hauling Schedule. The effective date of these revised Rate Schedules shall be five days after the date of this Resolution.

This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held April 21, 2022; the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

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RACHEL PETERSON  
Executive Director

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### Schedule No. 1 (continued)

#### GENERAL METERED SERVICE

##### SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

2. Except for service under special Condition 1 above, a separate meter and service connection is required for each single-family residence, each commercial or retain establishment, or each industrial enterprise regardless of the customer's single ownership or control of the premises served or to be served. The quantity registered by each meter will be charged separately.
3. The utility reserves the right to limit the quantity of water delivered to any resident, or any commercial or industrial enterprise to 8,000 cubic feet per month. If a multi-family apartment complex is served from one meter, the number of active units shall be multiplied by 8000 cubic feet to determine whether the monthly usage for the complex exceeds the limitation in this Special Condition 3.
4. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the utility, service to subsequent tenants in that unit will, at the utility's option be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.
5. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
6. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
7. As authorized by the Commission, pursuant to Commission Resolution W-XXXX, all water service will be subject to a monthly surcharge of \$4.76, to recover \$135,951 recorded in the Legal and Regulatory Services Cost Memorandum Account for a period of 36 months from the effective date of Advice Letter 70-W. (N)  
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### Schedule No. 4 (continued)

#### PRIVATE FIRE PROTECITON SERVICE

##### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

5. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the utility, service to subsequent tenants in that unit will, at the utility's option be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.
6. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC
7. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
8. As authorized by the Commission, pursuant to Commission Resolution W-XXXX, all water service will be subject to a monthly surcharge of \$4.76, to recover \$135,951 recorded in the Legal and Regulatory Services Cost Memorandum Account for a period of 36 months from the effective date of Advice Letter 70-W. (N)  
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Schedule No. 7M  
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### PUBLIC SCHOOL METERED SERVICE

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

3. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the utility, service to subsequent tenants in that unit will, at the utility's option be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.
4. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC
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### Schedule No. 9-MLZ (continued)

#### SURPLUS WATER HAULING SCHEDULE

##### SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

3. The utility reserves the right to limit the quantity of water delivered to any resident. This service is available only on a surplus basis, to individual residences or any commercial or industrial enterprise, and is limited to a maximum of 2,000 cubic feet of water per month.
4. The utility reserves the right to discontinue to serve water upon 30 days written notice to each customer. Said notice is to be sent by certified mail.
5. During shortages of supply and interruption of delivery, Rule 14, Paragraph C, "Apportionment of Supply During Time of Shortage," will apply.
6. The standpipe is accessible to water hauling customers on a 24-hour basis.
7. In accordance with Section 2714 of the Public Utilities Code, if a tenant in a rental unit leaves owing the utility, service to subsequent tenants in that unit will, at the utility's option be furnished on the account of the landlord or property owner.
8. A late charge will be imposed per Schedule No. LC.
9. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
7. As authorized by the Commission, pursuant to Commission Resolution W-XXXX, all water service will be subject to a monthly surcharge of \$4.76, to recover \$135,951 recorded in the Legal and Regulatory Services Cost Memorandum Account for a period of 36 months from the effective date of Advice Letter 70-W. (N)

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## SEARLES DOMESTIC WATER COMPANY ADVICE LETTER 70-W SERVICE LIST

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