



## GREAT OAKS WATER COMPANY

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California Public Utilities Commission  
Division of Water and Audits  
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**Advice Letter 298-W  
Great Oaks Water Company (U-162-W)  
To the California Public Utilities Commission**

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) submits this supplemental Tier 1 advice letter filing requesting the implementation of a surcharge to amortize the balance in Great Oaks' Monterey-Style Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Account (WRAM Account). The following tariff sheets implementing this surcharge are attached to this advice letter:

CPUC Sheet Number	Title	Canceling
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Summary and Request for Authorization to Impose Surcharge

Decision (D.) 10-11-034 authorized Great Oaks to establish a WRAM Account to track the difference between revenue Great Oaks receives for actual metered sales through tiered rates and revenue Great Oaks would have received through the uniform, single-quantity rates if such rates had been in effect.

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 9 of D.10-11-034, Great Oaks filed Advice Letter 202-W to establish the WRAM Account, and the Commission approved the WRAM Account effective March 8, 2011. Tariff sheets for the WRAM Account were last revised and updated, effective November 20, 2015, pursuant to Great Oaks' Advice Letter 248-W.

On multiple prior occasions, Great Oaks has amortized the balance in this WRAM account. Great Oaks' Advice Letter 223-W was approved by the Commission with an effective date of May 13, 2012. Supplemental Advice Letter 229-W-A was approved by the Commission with an effective date of January 15, 2013. Advice Letter 242-W was approved by the Commission with an effective date of September 2, 2014. Advice Letter 251-W was approved by the Commission with an effective date of January 19, 2016. Advice Letter 265-W was approved by the Commission with an effective date of August 3, 2017. Advice Letter 290-W was approved by the Commission to amortize the balance in the WRAM account with an effective date of July 21, 2020. Through Advice Letter 293-W-A, the Commission authorized Great Oaks to amortize the balance in the WRAM account, with an effective date of October 19, 2020.

Most recently, the Commission authorized Great Oaks to amortize the balance in the WRAM account by approving Advice Letter 294-W (effective February 9, 2021), which employed the same basic methodology as presented here.

The current balance in the WRAM Account is \$515,706.63. See attached Advice Letter 298-W Exhibit A Workpapers.<sup>1</sup> The time period covered by the WRAM Account is from December 21, 2020 through March 29, 2021. The supporting calculations in the workpapers provides a week-by-week summary of the difference between the revenue Great Oaks actually received through quantity charges from Single-Family Residential Customers and what Great Oaks would have received from those same customers under uniform quantity charges for the time periods specified in the authorized WRAM Account.

The amount to be amortized through this Advice Letter, \$515,706.63, represents 2.5% of Great Oaks' total revenue requirement (\$20,836,321<sup>2</sup>) for the current rate year. Pursuant to D.10-11-034, Great Oaks is authorized to recover the balance in the WRAM Account through a surcharge only on Single-Family Residential Customers.

Adopted water sales for single-family residential customers for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 rate year are 2,367,852 ccf.<sup>3</sup> The surcharge to amortize the combined WRAM balances calculates to \$0.2178per ccf (\$515,706.63/2,367,852).

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<sup>1</sup> Data supporting the information in the Workpapers is available upon request. The data will consist of billing entries for the time period covered by this Advice Letter.

<sup>2</sup> The total revenue requirement for the current rate year was authorized through D.19-09-010.

<sup>3</sup> D.19-09-010.

Great Oaks requests authority to implement this surcharge on all water delivered to single-family residential customers for a twelve-month period beginning May 10, 2021.

All Single-Family Residential Customers will be subject to the surcharge for a twelve-month period. With the surcharge, the average bi-monthly bill for a Single-Family Residential Customers with a 3/4" x 3/4" meter using 10 ccf of water per month will increase by \$4.64 (4.1%) from \$113.82 to \$118.46, as shown below.

**Bill Comparison**

Current Charges			Post AL 293-W-A Charges		
Service Charge	2 X \$22.36	\$44.72	Service Charge	2 X \$22.36	\$44.72
0 – 6 ccf	6 X \$1.3024	7.81	0 – 6 ccf	6 X \$1.3024	7.81
7 - 20 ccf	14 X \$2.6048	36.47	7 - 20 ccf	14 X \$2.6048	36.47
LICAP Srch	20 X \$0.0734	1.47	LICAP Srch	20 X \$0.0734	1.47
LICAP Srch 2	20 X \$0.0837	1.67	LICAP Srch 2	20 X \$0.0837	1.67
AL 290-W Srch	20 X \$0.2716	5.43	AL 290-W Srch	20 X \$0.2716	5.43
AL 293-W-A Srch	20 X \$0.2686	5.37	AL 293-W-A Srch	20 X \$0.2686	5.37
AL 294-W Srch	20 X \$0.1967	3.93	AL 294-W Srch	20 X \$0.1967	3.93
			AL 298-W Srch	20 X \$0.2178	4.36
Sub-Total		\$106.87			\$111.23
PUCURA Fee	1.43%	1.53	PUCURA Fee	1.43%	1.59
Sub-Total		\$108.40	Sub-Total		\$112.82
San Jose Tax	5.0%	5.42	San Jose Tax	5%	5.64
Total		\$113.82	Total		\$118.46

Tier Designation

Pursuant to General Order 96-B and Water Industry Rule 8.5, this is a Tier 1 advice letter seeking the amortization of balancing or balancing-type accounts.

Requested Effective Date

Great Oaks requests that tariff sheets authorized through this Advice Letter 298-W be effective as of May 10, 2021.

Notice

Great Oaks published notice of Advice Letter 298-W in the San Jose Mercury News, a newspaper of local circulation, pursuant to General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 3.1. A copy of the published notice will be provided to the Water Division as soon as it is available.

Response or Protest

Anyone may protest and respond to 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 specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds may be based upon the following:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter; or
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter would violate a statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies; or
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions; or
- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (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 re-litigating a prior order of the Commission).

Any protest or response must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Commission's Division of Water and Audits within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The advice letter process does not provide for any protests, responses or other comments, except for a reply by Great Oaks, after the 20-day comment period expires. The address for mailing or delivering a protest or response 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  
water\_division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date any protest or response is submitted to the Water Division, the protesting or responding person, entity or party must serve a copy of the protest or response on Great Oaks addressed to:

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Great Oaks Water Company

/s/

Timothy S. Guster  
General Counsel  
Legal and Regulatory Affairs

## VERIFICATION

I am an officer of the Great Oaks Water Company and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. The statements in the foregoing document, Great Oaks Water Co.'s Advice Letter 298-W, are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on April 5, 2021 at San Jose, California.

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/s/  
Timothy S. Guster

## Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of Great Oaks Water Co.'s Advice Letter 298-W on the parties listed on the following Distribution List by email (indicated with \*) or by mailing a properly addressed copy by first class mail with postage prepaid. Exhibits are available upon request.

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/s/  
Timothy S. Guster

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**Memorandum Account Balance  
Monterey-Style WRAM**

<u>Bill Date</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Uniform</u>	<u>Charged</u>	<u>Diff</u>	<u>Balance for Int.</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Accum Int</u>	<u>Cum Under</u>	<u>Cum Tot</u>
20210104	1/4/2021	\$ 960.54	\$ 642.00	\$ 318.54	\$ -	0.14%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 318.54	\$ 318.54
20210105	1/5/2021	\$ 190,127.63	\$ 140,648.20	\$ 49,479.43	\$ 318.54	0.14%	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 49,797.97	\$ 49,797.97
20210111	1/11/2021	\$ 153,282.85	\$ 109,662.98	\$ 43,619.87	\$ 49,797.97	0.14%	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.15	\$ 93,417.84	\$ 93,418.99
20210118	1/18/2021	\$ 148,985.84	\$ 105,979.45	\$ 43,006.39	\$ 93,417.84	0.14%	\$ 2.51	\$ 3.66	\$ 136,424.23	\$ 136,427.89
20210125	1/25/2021	\$ 166,291.40	\$ 117,637.96	\$ 48,653.44	\$ 136,424.23	0.14%	\$ 3.66	\$ 7.32	\$ 185,077.67	\$ 185,084.99
20210127	1/27/2021	\$ 240.95	\$ 154.99	\$ 85.96	\$ 185,077.67	0.14%	\$ 1.42	\$ 8.74	\$ 185,163.63	\$ 185,172.37
20210201	2/1/2021	\$ 1,380.56	\$ 988.80	\$ 391.76	\$ 185,163.63	0.11%	\$ 2.79	\$ 11.53	\$ 185,555.39	\$ 185,566.92
20210208	2/8/2021	\$ 201,853.96	\$ 142,812.80	\$ 59,041.16	\$ 185,555.39	0.11%	\$ 3.91	\$ 15.44	\$ 244,596.55	\$ 244,611.99
20210216	2/16/2021	\$ 180,610.57	\$ 124,553.22	\$ 56,057.35	\$ 244,596.55	0.11%	\$ 5.90	\$ 21.34	\$ 300,653.90	\$ 300,675.24
20210217	2/17/2021	\$ 197,440.53	\$ 136,859.46	\$ 60,581.07	\$ 300,653.90	0.11%	\$ 0.91	\$ 22.25	\$ 361,234.97	\$ 361,257.22
20210222	2/22/2021	\$ 325.59	\$ 217.11	\$ 108.48	\$ 361,234.97	0.11%	\$ 5.44	\$ 27.69	\$ 361,343.45	\$ 361,371.14
20210301	3/1/2021	\$ 133,807.22	\$ 92,762.87	\$ 41,044.35	\$ 361,343.45	0.10%	\$ 6.93	\$ 34.62	\$ 402,387.80	\$ 402,422.42
20210302	3/2/2021	\$ 182.34	\$ 111.84	\$ 70.50	\$ 402,387.80	0.10%	\$ 1.10	\$ 35.72	\$ 402,458.30	\$ 402,494.02
20210308	3/8/2021	\$ 111,712.97	\$ 75,112.04	\$ 36,600.93	\$ 402,458.30	0.10%	\$ 6.62	\$ 42.34	\$ 439,059.23	\$ 439,101.57
20210315	3/15/2021	\$ 110,433.74	\$ 74,714.42	\$ 35,719.32	\$ 439,059.23	0.10%	\$ 8.42	\$ 50.76	\$ 474,778.55	\$ 474,829.31
20210322	3/22/2021	\$ 122,238.19	\$ 81,576.15	\$ 40,662.04	\$ 474,778.55	0.10%	\$ 9.11	\$ 59.86	\$ 515,440.59	\$ 515,500.45
20210329	3/29/2021	\$ 263.18	\$ 66.89	\$ 196.29	\$ 515,440.59	0.10%	\$ 9.89	\$ 69.75	\$ 515,636.88	\$ 515,706.63

Schedule No. 1  
GENERAL METERED SERVICE  
(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
2. To provide ongoing funding for the Utility’s Low-Income Customer Assistance Program (LICAP), as described in Tariff Rule 22, a surcharge of \$0.0734 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all water delivered to non-LICAP participants on and after July 1, 2019.
3. To amortize the balance in the Utility’s Low Income Customer Assistance Program (LICAP) balancing accounts, a surcharge of \$0.0837 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all non-LICAP customers for all water delivered beginning February 18, 2020, for a twelve-month period.
4. To amortize the balance in the Utility’s Monterey-Style WRAM account, a surcharge of \$0.2716 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all single-family residential customers for a period of two years beginning July 21, 2020.
5. To amortize the balance in the Utility’s Monterey-Style WRAM account, a surcharge of \$0.2686 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all single-family residential customers for a period of twelve months beginning November 24, 2020.
6. To amortize the balance in the Utility’s Monterey-Style WRAM account, a surcharge of \$0.1967 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all single-family residential customers for a period of twelve months beginning February 9, 2021.
7. To amortize the balance in the Utility’s Monterey-Style WRAM account, a surcharge of \$0.2178 (N) will be added to the Quantity Charge for all single-family residential customers for a period of twelve months beginning May 10, 2021. (N)

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