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### **Great Oaks Water Company (U-162-W) Advice Letter 308-W to the California Public Utilities Establishing Interim Rates Memorandum Account**

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) transmits this Tier 1 advice letter filing to establish an Interim Rates Memorandum Account, as authorized by the April 26, 2022 E-Mail Ruling issued by Administrative Law Judge Gerald F. Kelly. The following changes in tariff schedules applicable to Great Oaks entire service area are proposed:

CPUC Sheet No.	Title of Tariff Sheet	Canceling Sheet No.
991-W	Preliminary Statement (Continued) FF. Interim Rates Memorandum Account	NEW
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## Summary of Advice Letter 308-W

On July 1, 2021, Great Oaks filed its General Rate Case Application (A.) 21-07-001. Great Oaks and the Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates) were able to reach settlement on some, but not all of the issues in A.21-07-001.

On January 7, 2022, Great Oaks filed a Motion for Authority to Implement Interim Rates by Tier 1 Advice Letter. Included within that Motion was a request for authority to establish an Interim Rates Memorandum Account should interim rates become necessary.

Great Oaks and Cal Advocates submitted briefs on the issues that were not settled, with the last such briefs being filed on March 7, 2022. Great Oaks and Cal Advocates also filed, on March 30, 2022, the Joint Motion of Great Oaks Water Company and the Public Advocates Office for Adoption of Partial Settlement Agreement.

On April 26, 2022, Administrative Law Judge Gerald F. Kelly issued an E-Mail Ruling Granting Motion for Authority to Implement Interim Rates by Tier 1 Advice Letter. Included in the E-Mail Ruling was a grant of authority for Great Oaks to “implement an appropriate memorandum account to track the differences between revenues collected under interim rates and the revenue that would have been collected if final rates had been implemented and effective July 1, 2022.”<sup>1</sup>

On May 12, 2022, Great Oaks filed Advice Letter 307-W to establish interim rates that include the new, higher groundwater charges (pump taxes) levied by the Santa Clara Valley Water District on all water produced (pumped) by Great Oaks. Cal Advocates reviewed Advice Letter 307-W before it was filed and indicated that it had no questions or concerns about Advice Letter 307-W.

## No Effect on Water Service

This Advice Letter filing will not cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

## Effective Date – July 1, 2022

Great Oaks requests that the Tariff Sheets presented with this Advice Letter have an effective date of July 1, 2022.

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<sup>1</sup><https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M471/K485/471485035.PDF>.

## Tier Designation

This is a Tier 1 Advice Letter pursuant to General Order 96-B and Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(3).

## Notice and Service

As this Advice Letter is pursuant to a ruling and has no effect on rates, no additional notice to customers is required. The Advice Letter is being published on Great Oaks' website and is being served upon the Distribution List provided below.

## Protests and Responses

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 Water Division of the Commission 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, Water Division, 3rd floor  
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505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102  
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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 Timothy S. Guster, Great Oaks Water Co., PO Box 23490, San Jose, CA 95153, 408-227-9540, 408 227-7126 (fax), email: tguster@greatoakswater.com.

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 308-W, are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters that 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 May 12, 2022 at San Jose, California.

                  /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 308-W on the parties listed on the following Distribution List by mailing a properly addressed copy by first class mail with postage prepaid or by email to those marked with an (e).

Executed on May 12, 2022 at San Jose, California.

                  /s/                    
Timothy S. Guster

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT  
(Continued)

FF. 2021 GRC Interim Rates Memorandum Account.

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1. Purpose. The 2021 GRC Interim Rates Memorandum Account (IRMA) will track the revenue differential between interim rates and the final rates, subject to refund, adopted in the Utility’s 2021 General Rate Case (GRC), Application 21-07-001. The IRMA is established pursuant to Administrative Law Judge Gerald F. Kelly’s April 26, 2022 E-Mail Ruling addressing the Utility’s Motion for Authority to Implement Interim Rates by Tier 1 Advice Letter.

On July 1, 2022, the first day of the test year of the 2021 GRC, this tariff shall activate interim rates through the Utility’s service area. The interim rates shall be the rates in effect on July 1, 2022.

2. Applicability. The IRMA does not have a rate component. The IRMA shall include:

The monthly revenue differential between interim rates and final rates adopted in A.21-07-001, beginning July 1, 2022 throughout the Utility’s service area.

The Utility shall maintain the IRMA by making entries for each month during which interim rates are effective as follows:

- a. A debit/credit entry shall be made to the IRMA at the end of each month to Record the revenue differential discussed above.
  - b. Interest shall accrue to the IRMA on a monthly basis by applying a rate equal to one-twelfth of the 3-month Commercial Paper Rate, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, to the average of the beginning-of-month and the end-of-month balances.
3. Effective Date. The IRMA shall become effective on July 1, 2022.
  4. Disposition. Dispositions of amounts recorded in the IRMA shall be determined through a subsequent Tier 2 advice letter filing by the Utility.

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