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California Public Utilities Commission
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**Advice Letter 314-W
Great Oaks Water Company (U-162-W) to the
California Public Utilities Commission
Deactivation of Stage 2 of Schedule No. 14.1**

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) transmits this Tier 1 advice letter notifying the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that Great Oaks is deactivating Stage 2 and Section F of its Tariff Schedule No. 14.1 and activating Stage 1 thereof.

Background

Great Oaks added and activated Schedule No. 14.1, including Section F thereof pertaining to Drought Allocations and Excess Usage Surcharges, through Advice Letter 301-W, filed June 9, 2021. Initial Drought Allocations were set at 15% of 2019 water usage levels, consistent with the water shortage emergency declared by the Santa Clara Valley Water District and other local government agencies, including the City of San José. Advice Letter 301-W was approved by the Commission's Water Division on July 15, 2021, with an effective date of July 13, 2021.

Now, the Santa Clara Valley Water District has removed the water shortage emergency provisions calling for the mandatory 15% usage reduction requirement due to dramatically improved water supply conditions and the Governor's Executive Order N-5-23, issued March 24, 2023. Voluntary reductions in water usage are still requested by the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Based upon the action of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Great Oaks is now deactivating Stage 2 of Schedule No. 14.1, including the Drought Allocations and Excess Usage Surcharges in Section F. of Schedule No. 14.1, effective immediately. Stage 1 of Schedule No. 14.1 is activated.

Stage 1 of Schedule No. 14.1 remains active, as mandatory conservation measures remain active and are in effect throughout Santa Clara County and the City of San José, including the mandatory conservation measures pertaining to non-essential or unauthorized water use listed in Rule No. 14.1. Such non-essential or unauthorized water uses remain subject to the provisions of Rule 11 for waste of water.

Tier Designation

This is a Tier 1 advice letter pursuant to the Special Conditions of Schedule No. 14.1, which states in pertinent part: "This Schedule No. 14.1 shall remain in effect until the Utility files a Tier 1 advice letter to deactivate a particular Stage or the Schedule in its entirety."

Effect on Water Service

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

Effective Date

Great Oaks requests that the deactivation of Stage 2 and the activation of Stage 1 of its Schedule No. 14.1 become effective on April 11, 2023, the date the Santa Clara Valley Water District rescinded its water shortage emergency.

Notice and Service

The Advice Letter is being published on Great Oaks' website and is being served upon the Distribution List provided below, all in compliance with General Order 96-B and applicable Industry Rules.

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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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
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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 314-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 April 12, 2023 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 314-W on the parties listed on the following Distribution List by mailing a properly addressed copy by first class mail with postage prepaid.

Executed on April 12, 2023 at San Jose, California.

/s/
Timothy S. Guster

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