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**Advice Letter 325-W-A  
Great Oaks Water Company (U-162-W) to the California Public  
Utilities Commission Requesting Authorization to Increase Revenue  
to Offset Increased Pump Tax**

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) transmits this Tier 1 advice letter establishing a change in base rates to offset increased pump taxes being imposed upon Great Oaks by the Santa Clara Valley Water District effective July 1, 2024. The following changes in tariff schedules applicable to Great Oaks entire service area are proposed:

CPUC Sheet No. <sup>1</sup>	Title of Tariff Sheet	Canceling Sheet No.
1067-W	Schedule No. 1 General Metered Service	1060-W
1068-W	Schedule No. 1 Tiered Rates	1061-W

<sup>1</sup> Tariff sheet numbers reflect the replacement of the tariff sheets included with Advice Letter 324-W-A filed June 14, 2024.

1069-W	Schedule No. 1 General Metered Service Special Conditions	1062-W
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Summary of Advice Letter 325-W-A

Great Oaks filed Advice Letter 325-W on May 17, 2024 to increase revenue to address higher groundwater production charges (pump taxes) levied by the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), effective July 1, 2024. On May 14, 2024, the Valley Water Board of Directors passed a Resolution adopting pump taxes for the period of time from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. A copy of the Valley Water Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has requested that instead of recovering increased costs due to the higher pump taxes levied by Valley Water through a surcharge, Great Oaks should request the additional cost recovery through a change in base rates. This Advice Letter 325-W-A complies with the Water Division’s request and builds upon Advice Letter 324-W-A (escalation/attrition year filing), including base rates and tiered rate design.

On June 12, 2024, the Water Division advised Great oaks to make certain revisions to the Advice Letter 324-W paperwork. Since the paperwork for this Advice Letter builds upon it, the Water Division advised Great Oaks to make revisions to Advice Letter 325-W paperwork and to file a supplemental Advice Letter 325-W-A to include those revisions. This supplemental Advice Letter includes the revisions that were required to be made directed by the Water Division for approval of the Advice Letter.

Great Oaks Advice Letter 324-W-A established rates for the 2024/2025 rate year before Valley Water increased the groundwater charges imposed upon groundwater producers like Great Oaks. The amount of groundwater charges included in Advice Letter 324-W-A’s rate calculations was \$13,294,182. With

the recent increase in groundwater charges, the total amount of groundwater charges projected for the 2024/2025 rate year has increased by \$1,751,156.<sup>2</sup>

The increase in groundwater charges also results in increases in Account 775 Uncollectible Expenses (increase of \$3,261, from \$47,997 to \$51,258) and in Account 796 Franchise Requirements (increase of 36,876, from 498,930 to \$535,806). The total increase in the revenue requirement resulting from the increase in groundwater charges is \$1,791,293, from \$24,999,029 (Advice Letter 324-W-A) to \$26,790,322. This represents an increase in the revenue requirement of 7.2% over the revenue requirement of Advice Letter 324-W-A.

#### Other Pending Advice Letter

On May 13, 2024, Great Oaks filed and served Advice Letter 324-W requesting authorization to establish and implement an escalation/attrition year rate change for the 2024/2025 rate year. On June 12, 2024, Great Oaks filed and served supplemental Advice Letter 324-W-A to include revisions required by Water Division to establish and implement an escalation/attrition year rate change for the 2024/2025 rate year. Tariff sheets accompanying this Advice Letter 325-W-A are based upon the Advice Letter 324-W-A escalation/attrition year rate change and associated tariff sheets.

#### Effect of Pending Advice Letter 324-W on this Advice Letter Filing

Because Standard Practice U-34-W required Great Oaks to utilize normalized metered customers and consumption in its escalation filing (Advice Letter 324-W-A), the number of customers and total water production are slightly different than the adopted customer and water production totals for Test Year 2022/2023 (and rate year 2023/2024).

Changes to base rates for this Advice Letter 325-W-A are premised upon the approval of Advice Letter 324-W-A and the rates established thereby. The Advice Letter 325-W-A Exhibit B Workpapers provide all the necessary calculations for the new rates requested in this advice letter. The proposed tariff sheets attached to this Advice Letter 325-W-A will replace the Advice Letter 324-W-A tariff sheets.

#### Effects on Average Customer Bills

The effect of the new and higher pump tax on the bill of an average single-family residential customer with a 3/4" x 3/4" meter using 10 CCF of water

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<sup>2</sup> See Advice Letter 325-W-A Exhibit B Workpapers, at WP-1.

per month is \$6.22 (4.36%) per bimonthly bill, as shown in the following table taken from the Exhibit B Workpapers, page WP-3.

Bill Comparison							
Average Single-Family Residential Customer with ¾" x ¾" Meter Using 10 ccf per Month							
At AL 324-W-A Rates				At AL 325-W-A Rates			
Item	Amount	Units	Total	Item	Amount	Units	Total
Monthly Serv Chrg	\$25.16	2	\$50.33	Monthly Serv Chrg	\$23.12	2	\$46.25
Tier 1	\$3.1637	12	\$37.96	Tier 1	\$3.5605	12	\$42.71
Tier 2	\$5.4597	8	\$43.68	Tier 2	\$6.1445	8	\$49.14
CAP Surch	\$0.1497	20	\$2.99	CAP Surch	\$0.1372	20	\$2.74
Subtotal			\$134.97	Subtotal			\$140.84
CPUC Fee	0.70%		\$0.94	CPUC Fee	0.70%		\$0.99
Subtotal			\$135.91	Subtotal			\$141.83
SJ Utility Tax	5%		\$6.80	SJ Utility Tax	5%		\$7.09
Total			\$142.71	Total			\$148.92

### 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, 2024

The base rates established through this Advice Letter become effective July 1, 2024.

### Tier Designation

This is a Tier 1 Advice Letter pursuant to General Order 96-B and Water Industry Rule 7.3.1(7).

### Notice and Service

Since Advice Letter 325-W-A and 324-W-A are filed in the same week for an increase in base rates to be effective on the same date July 1, 2024, and Advice Letter 325-W-A calculations builds upon 324-W-A, only one Public Notice addressing the rate changes from both advice letters were published as a legal notice in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C in the San Jose Mercury News, a newspaper of local circulation, pursuant to General Order 96-B, Water Industry Rule 3.1. Proof of publication is attached hereto A copy of this Advice Letter is also 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  
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 Juan Liem, Great Oaks Water Co., PO Box 23490, San Jose, CA 95153, 408-227-9540, 408 227-7126 (fax), email: [jliem@greatoakswater.com](mailto:jliem@greatoakswater.com).

Great Oaks Water Company

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/s/

Juan Liem  
Treasurer and Secretary

**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 325-W-A, 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 June 14, 2024 at Dallas, Texas.

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/s/

Juan Liem

**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of Great Oaks Water Co.'s Advice Letter 325-W-A on the parties listed on the following Distribution List by mailing a properly addressed copy by email (designated (e)) or first class mail with postage prepaid. Workpapers are available upon request.

Executed on June 14, 2024 at San Fransisco, California.

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/s/

Rosa Gutierrez

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Great Oaks Water Company  
Advice Letter 325-W-A

Proposed Tariff Sheets



Schedule No. 1  
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The area is Southeast San Jose, East of Snell Road and South of Hellyer Park.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	Per Meter Per Month	
For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. Ft.	\$ 5.0061	(I)
<u>Service Charge:</u>		
For 5/8x3/4-inch meter	\$ 15.42	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	23.12	(I)
For 1-inch meter	38.54	(I)
For 1 1/2-inch meter	77.08	(I)
For 2-inch meter	123.32	(I)
For 3-inch meter	231.23	(I)
For 4-inch meter	385.38	(I)
For 6-inch meter	770.76	(I)
For 8-inch meter	1,233.22	(I)
For 10-inch meter	1,772.76	(I)
For 12-inch meter	2,543.52	(I)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered service and to which is to be added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

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Treasurer & Secretary  
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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule No. 1  
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

Tiered Rates

Designed and Ordered by the California Public Utilities Commission

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all single-family residential services only.

TERRITORY

The area is Southeast San Jose, East of Snell Road and South of Hellyer Park.

RATES

Quantity Rates (Tiered Rates):	Per Meter/Per Month	
For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. Ft.		
For total bi-monthly usage from 0 to 12 Ccf.	\$ 3.5593	(I)
For total bi-monthly usage above 12 to 20 Ccf.	6.1425	(I)
For total bi-monthly usage over 20 Ccf.	7.2939	(I)
Service Charge (Conservation Rates):		
For 5/8x3/4-inch meter	\$ 15.42	(I)
For 3/4x3/4-inch meter	23.12	(I)
For 1-inch meter	38.54	(I)
For 1 1/2-inch meter	77.08	(I)
For 2-inch meter	123.32	(I)
For 3-inch meter	231.23	(I)
For 4-inch meter	385.38	(I)
For 6-inch meter	770.76	(I)
For 8-inch meter	1,233.22	(I)
For 10-inch meter	1,772.76	(I)
For 12-inch meter	2,543.52	(I)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

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 Customer Assistance Program (CAP) as described in Tariff Rule 22, a surcharge of \$0.1372 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all water delivered to non-CAP participants on and after July 1, 2024. (I)  
(C)

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Schedule No. 3M  
IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The area in Southeast San Jose, East of Snell Road and South of Hellyer Park.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	Per Meter Per Month	
For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. Ft.	\$ 5.0061	(I)
Service Charge:		
For 2-inch meter	\$ 123.32	(I)
For 3-inch meter	231.23	(I)
For 4-inch meter	385.38	(I)
For 6-inch meter	770.76	(I)
For 8-inch meter	1,233.22	(I)
For 10-inch meter	1,772.76	(I)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered service and to which is to be added to the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

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Schedule No. 3M  
IRRIGATION SERVICE  
(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The Santa Clara Valley Water District requires the customer to certify the water is used to irrigate commercial agricultural crops for sale to qualify for this rate. It is an express condition of this Irrigation Service that the customer cooperates in making the necessary certification to the Water District.
2. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has surcharges or discounts applicable to water used to irrigate commercial agricultural crops if the customer/farmer participates in the Water District's special programs. These surcharges or discounts are applied per Acre Ft., are granted or imposed by the Water District each month based on the customer/farmer's level of participation, and will be passed through by the Company each month to the customer/farmer.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
4. To provide funding for the Utility's Customer Assistance Program (CAP), as described in Tariff Rule 22, a surcharge of \$0.1372 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all water sold to non-CAP participants on and after July 1, 2024. (I)
5. Customers who receive water deliveries for agricultural purposes under this schedule, and who present evidence to the Utility that such deliveries qualify for the lower pump tax rates levied by the Santa Clara Valley Water District for agricultural water, shall receive a credit of \$3.7498 per 100 cu.ft. used during the period covered by that bill on and after July 1, 2024. (R)

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Schedule No. 6  
CONTRACT RESALE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Potable water metered service delivered to a water retailer by contract at location outside the Company's certified service territory.

TERRITORY

Wholesale water service may be obtained for use outside the Company's certified service territory.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

For all water delivered, per 100 Cu. Ft. \$ 5.0061 (I)

Service Charge:

	Per Meter	
	<u>Per Month</u>	
For 2-inch meter	\$ 123.32	(I)
For 3-inch meter	231.23	(I)
For 4-inch meter	385.38	(I)
For 6-inch meter	770.76	(I)
For 8-inch meter	1,233.22	(I)
For 10-inch meter	1,772.76	(I)
For 12-inch meter	2,543.52	(I)

The Meter Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge which is applicable to all metered service and to which is to be added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-**

**DETERMINING GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024–2025**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) does find and declare as follows:

1. That pursuant to Section 26.5 of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act (“District Act”), a written report detailing Valley Water’s activities in the protection and augmentation of the water supplies of Valley Water has been prepared including: a financial analysis of Valley Water’s water utility system, information as to the present and future water requirements of Valley Water, the water supply available to Valley Water, and future capital improvements and maintenance and operating requirements; a method of financing such requirements; a recommendation as to whether or not the groundwater production charge should continue to be levied in any zone or zones of Valley Water during the ensuing fiscal year; and a proposal of a rate per acre-foot for agricultural water and a rate per acre-foot for all water other than agricultural water for Zones W-2, W-5, W-7, and W-8;
2. That on the 23rd day of February 2024, said report was duly delivered to the Clerk of the Valley Water Board;
3. That the Clerk, pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act, gave due notice of the receipt of the report and of a public hearing to be held commencing on the 9th day of April 2024, by teleconference, videoconference, or both and in-person attendance at the time stated;
4. That on February 23, 2024, written notice was mailed to all owners and operators of water-producing facilities within Valley Water’s boundaries, advising of the proposed groundwater production charge rates to be levied, and of the opportunities to be heard concerning such charges;
5. That pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act, on the 9th day of April 2024, at 1 p.m. a public hearing upon said report was duly commenced, and was continued for further hearing to the evening of April 11, 2024 in Gilroy, California, and continued again to the afternoon of April 23, 2024, whereupon the hearing was concluded, more than 45 days after notice of the hearing was given;
6. That during said public hearing, additional information and evidence was provided that was considered by the Board in making its decision on groundwater production charges, and the public and all persons subject to groundwater production charges were invited to speak or present written comments at the public hearing;



7. That the charges established by this resolution are for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing, maintaining, and operating facilities to import water into Valley Water; paying the cost of purchasing imported water; paying the cost of constructing, maintaining, and operating facilities for groundwater recharge, surface distribution, and the purification and treatment of water; and paying the principal and interest of any bonded indebtedness or other financial obligations of Valley Water incurred for those purposes;
8. That this Board considered all comments objecting to the proposed groundwater production charge increases for Zones W-2, W-5, W-7, and W-8;
9. That this Board, based on the whole record before it, finds that the revenues derived from the groundwater production charges will not exceed the funds required to provide services to Zones W-2, W-5, W-7, and W-8, as authorized under the District Act, and that the amount levied does not and will not exceed the proportional cost of service; and
10. That the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to approval of these charges.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District as follows:

**FIRST:** Valley Water activities in the geographic area identified as Zone W-2 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone and water imported into such zone; Valley Water activities in the geographic area of Valley Water identified as Zone W-5 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone and water imported into such zone; Valley Water activities in the geographic area of Valley Water identified as Zone W-7 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone and water imported into such zone; and Valley Water activities in the geographic area of Valley Water identified as Zone W-8 benefit said zone and those who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies of such zone and water imported into such zone. Revenues derived from groundwater production charges shall be used only for such activities as authorized under the District Act.

**SECOND:** Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2024–2025 groundwater production charge (per acre-foot) for agricultural water and for all water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-2 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2024–2025 (July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025) at the following per acre-foot rates:

<b>Water Other Than Agricultural</b>	<b>Agricultural Water</b>
\$2,229.00	\$39.80

**THIRD:** Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2024–2025 groundwater production charge (per acre-foot) for agricultural water and for all water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-5 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2024–2025 (July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025) at the following per acre-foot rates:

<b>Water Other Than Agricultural</b>	<b>Agricultural Water</b>
\$579.00	\$39.80

**FOURTH:** Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2024–2025 groundwater production charge (per acre-foot) for agricultural water and for all water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-7 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2024–2025 (July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025) at the following per acre-foot rates:

<b>Water Other Than Agricultural</b>	<b>Agricultural Water</b>
\$750.50	\$39.80

**FIFTH:** Based upon the findings and determinations from said hearing, the entire record presented to the Board and results of protests received, the Board hereby determines that fiscal year 2024–2025 groundwater production charge (per acre-foot) for agricultural water and for all water other than agricultural water should be increased. Accordingly, such charges shall be, and are hereby set as follows on all persons operating groundwater-producing facilities in Zone W-8 of Valley Water for fiscal year 2024–2025 (July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025) at the following per acre-foot rates:

<b>Water Other Than Agricultural</b>	<b>Agricultural Water</b>
\$430.00	\$39.80

**SIXTH:** Notice of the setting of groundwater production charges in the identified rates shall be given as provided in Section 26.8 of the District Act.

**SEVENTH:** The groundwater production charges set forth in this resolution shall be in effect until subsequent action of this Board modifying them.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on May 14, 2024:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

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**FILE NO. Rate Changes Authorized by Calif.  
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The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That at all times hereinafter mentioned affiant was and still is a citizen of the United States, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled proceedings; and was at and during all said times and still is the principal clerk of the printer and publisher of the San Jose Mercury News, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published daily in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, State of California as determined by the court's decree dated June 27, 1952, Case Numbers 84096 and 84097, and that said San Jose Mercury News is and was at all times herein mentioned a newspaper of general circulation as that term is defined by Sections 6000; that at all times said newspaper has been established, printed and published in the said County and State at regular intervals for more than one year preceding the first publication of the notice herein mentioned. Said decree has not been revoked, vacated or set aside.

I declare that the notice, of which the annexed is a true printed copy, has been published in each regular or entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

**05/27/2024**

Dated at San Jose, California  
May 28, 2024

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

Principal clerk of the printer and publisher of the San Jose Mercury News

**GREAT OAKS WATER COMPANY NOTICE OF ESCALATION YEAR  
RATE CHANGES AUTHORIZED BY CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) has filed Advice Letter 324-W (AL 324-W) with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting authorization to establish and implement escalation year rate changes consistent with Commission authority. Under Great Oaks' request, its total revenue requirement will increase by \$167,206 (0.67%), from \$24,831,953 to \$24,999,159. As shown in the table below, the average single-family residential customer bill will increase by \$4.53 (3.28%).

Great Oaks has also filed Advice Letter 325-W (AL 325-W) with the Commission to address higher groundwater charges (pump taxes) recently adopted by the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Current rates will apply to water sold through June 30, 2024 and will then be replaced by the new AL 324-W rates and AL 325-W pump tax surcharge. AL 325-W pump tax increase will increase Great Oaks' total revenue requirement by \$1,791,163 (7.2%) over the revenues requested in AL 324-W.

As a result of the two Advice Letters, the average single-family residential customer bimonthly bill will increase by a total of \$10.75 (7.8%). Complete copies of the AL filings are available at [www.greatoakswater.com](http://www.greatoakswater.com).

Bi-Monthly Average Single-Family Residential Customer with 3/4" x 3/4" Meter Using 10cc f per Month									
Item	At Current Rates			At AL 324-Rates			At AL 325-W Rates		
	Amount	Units	Total	Amount	Units	Total	Amount	Units	Total
Monthly Service Charge	\$ 23.73	2	\$47.46	\$ 25.16	2	\$50.33	\$ 23.12	2	\$46.25
Tier 1	\$3.1313	12	\$37.58	\$3.1647	12	\$37.98	\$3.5605	12	\$42.73
Tier 2	\$5.4039	8	\$43.23	\$5.4615	8	\$43.69	\$6.1445	8	\$49.16
CAP Surcharge	\$0.1219	20	\$ 2.44	\$0.1497	20	\$ 2.99	\$0.1372	20	\$ 2.74
Subtotal			\$130.70			\$134.99			\$140.87
CPUC Fee	0.70%		\$ 0.91	0.70%		\$ 0.94	0.70%		\$ 0.99
Subtotal			\$131.62			\$135.94			\$141.86
SJ Utility Tax	5.00%		\$ 6.58	5.00%		\$ 6.80	5.00%		\$ 7.09
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$138.20</b>			<b>\$142.74</b>			<b>\$148.95</b>
				Increase \$	4.53		Increase \$	6.22	
				Percentage	3.28%		Percentage	4.36%	

**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 Letters. 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 Letters; or
- (2) The relief requested in the Advice Letters 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 Letters contain material error or omissions; or
- (4) The relief requested in the Advice Letters is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (5) The relief requested in the Advice Letters requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the Advice Letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the Advice Letters 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 Letters are filed. The Advice Letter process does not provide for any Protests, Responses or other comments, except for a reply by Great Oaks Water Company, after the 20-day comment period expires. The address for mailing or delivering a Protest or Response is:

**Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor  
California Public Utilities Commission,  
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102  
[water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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 Juan Liem, Great Oaks Water Co., 20 Great Oaks Blvd. Suite 120, San Jose, CA 95119, 408-227-9540, 408 227-7126 (fax), [jliem@greatoakswater.com](mailto:jliem@greatoakswater.com).

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