



## **GREAT OAKS WATER COMPANY**

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June 26, 2025

California Public Utilities Commission  
Water Division  
Room 3102  
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### **Advice Letter 332-W Great Oaks Water Company (U-162-W) to Request a True-Up of Pump Tax Rate Offset**

Great Oaks Water Company (Great Oaks) submits this Tier 1 advice letter to revise the pump tax rate used in the 2024 General Rate Case Results of Operation model to reflect the actual rates imposed by the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), effective July 1, 2025. The following changes in tariff schedules applicable to Great Oaks' entire service area are proposed:

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### Summary of Advice Letter 332-W

Great Oaks submits advice letter 332-W to request a true-up to the groundwater production charges levied by Valley Water. This advice letter builds upon advice letter 331-W, incorporating a minor adjustment to the groundwater charges to reflect the actual rates approved by the Valley Water Board of Directors on May 27, 2025.

With this filing, the authorized groundwater charges from Decision (D.) 25-06-011 is revised from \$14,518,543 to \$14,365,540. The revenue requirement is revised from \$26,163,591 to \$26,010,102. This advice letter will facilitate cost recovery through an adjustment to base rates and help minimize the need for future surcharges or surcredits to amortize the difference between the groundwater charges levied and those utilized in the rates.

### Other Pending Advice Letter

None.

### 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, 2025

The base rates established through this Advice Letter become effective July 1, 2025.

### 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

A public notice for (withdrawn) advice letter 330-W related to an increase groundwater charges was published in the San Jose Mercury News, a newspaper of local circulation, on June 6, 2025 addressing the rate changes due to an increase in groundwater charges.

## 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.

Great Oaks Water Company

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
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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 332-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 June 26, 2025 at Dallas, Texas.

/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 332-W 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.

Executed on June 26, 2025 at Dallas, Texas.

/s/  
Juan Liem

Great Oaks Water Co.  
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Great Oaks Water Company  
Advice Letter 332-W

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.	\$ 3.8238	(R)
Service Charge:		
For 5/8x3/4-inch meter	\$ 20.68	
For 3/4-inch meter	31.01	
For 1-inch meter	51.69	
For 1 1/2-inch meter	103.38	
For 2-inch meter	165.41	
For 3-inch meter	310.14	
For 4-inch meter	516.89	
For 6-inch meter	1,033.78	
For 8-inch meter	1,654.05	
For 10-inch meter	2,377.70	
For 12-inch meter	3,411.49	

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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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.	\$ 2.7187	(R)
For total bi-monthly usage above 12 to 20 Ccf.	4.6918	(R)
For total bi-monthly usage over 20 Ccf.	6.4775	(R)

Service Charge (Conservation Rates):

For 5/8x3/4-inch meter	\$ 20.68
For 3/4x3/4-inch meter	31.01
For 1-inch meter	51.69
For 1 1/2-inch meter	103.38
For 2-inch meter	165.41
For 3-inch meter	310.14
For 4-inch meter	516.89
For 6-inch meter	1,033.78
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For 10-inch meter	2,377.70
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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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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.	\$ 3.8238	(R)
Service Charge:		
For 2-inch meter	\$ 165.41	
For 3-inch meter	310.14	
For 4-inch meter	516.89	
For 6-inch meter	1,033.78	
For 8-inch meter	1,654.05	
For 10-inch meter	2,377.70	

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  
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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 \$0.1511 will be added to the Quantity Charge for all water sold to non-CAP participants on and after July 1, 2025.
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 \$3.2739 per 100 (I) cu.ft. used during the period covered by that bill on and after July 1, 2025.
6. To refund a net over-collection in authorized balancing and memorandum accounts, a credit in the total amount of \$113.86 will be applied to the service charge portion of each customer's bill over a period of twelve months after the effective date of Advice Letter 331-W, July 1, 2025. The amount of the credit per two-months billing cycle will be \$18.98 over six billing cycles. The amount of the credit per one-month billing cycle will be \$9.49 over twelve billing cycles. Only active customers with accounts established by December 31, 2023, will receive the credit against the service charge.

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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.	\$ 3.8238	(R)
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Service Charge:

Per Meter  
Per Month

For 2-inch meter	\$ 165.41
For 3-inch meter	310.14
For 4-inch meter	516.89
For 6-inch meter	1,033.78
For 8-inch meter	1,654.05
For 10-inch meter	2,377.70
For 12-inch meter	3,411.49

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. 2025-**

**DETERMINING GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026**

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 28th day of February 2025, 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 8th day of April 2025, by teleconference, videoconference, or both and in-person attendance at the time stated;
4. That on February 28, 2025, 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 8th day of April 2025, at 1 p.m. a public hearing upon said report was duly commenced, and was continued for further hearing to the evening of April 25, 2025, in Morgan Hill, California, and continued again to the afternoon of May 16, 2025, 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 2025–2026 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 2025–2026 (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026) at the following per acre-foot rates:

Water Other Than Agricultural	Agricultural Water
\$2,450.00	\$43.00

**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 2025–2026 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 2025–2026 (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026) at the following per acre-foot rates:

Water Other Than Agricultural	Agricultural Water
\$624.50	\$43.00

**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 2025–2026 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 2025–2026 (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026) at the following per acre-foot rates:

<b>Water Other Than Agricultural</b>	<b>Agricultural Water</b>
\$834.50	\$43.00

**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 2025–2026 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 2025–2026 (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026) at the following per acre-foot rates:

<b>Water Other Than Agricultural</b>	<b>Agricultural Water</b>
\$464.00	\$43.00

**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 27, 2025:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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TONY ESTREMER  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: CANDICE KWOK-SMITH

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Clerk, Board of Directors

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