

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Great Oaks Water Company (U-162-W) for an Order authorizing it to increase rates charges for water service by \$2,618,705 or 12.05% in 2022, by \$1,762,136 or 7.23% in 2023, and by \$1,879,770 or 7.20% in 2024.

Application No. 21-07-001
Filed: July 1, 2021

**JOINT STATEMENT OF GREAT OAKS WATER COMPANY
AND THE PUBLIC ADVOCATES OFFICE REGARDING REMOTE
HEARINGS AND WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS**

In accord with the January 3, 2022 E-Mail Ruling Providing Guidance and Instructions for Remote Hearings and Requiring Certain Actions of the Parties (E-Mail Ruling), Applicant Great Oaks Water Company (“Great Oaks”) and the Public Advocates Office (“Cal Advocates”) (collectively referred to as “the Parties”) hereby provide their joint statement concerning remote evidentiary hearings and evidence.

I. Stipulation Regarding Remote Hearings

Great Oaks and Cal Advocates stipulate and agree that evidentiary hearings on Great Oaks’ Application 21-07-001 shall and may be conducted remotely via the Webex system. The Parties further stipulate that all attorneys and witnesses will concurrently have Webex system capability and familiarity, as well as access to internet (with sufficient bandwidth for video and voice communication), telephone, and computer access during the evidentiary hearings. The Parties further stipulate that witnesses shall be sworn in remotely.

II. Stipulation Regarding Witness Qualifications

Great Oaks and Cal Advocates stipulate that the qualifications of the witnesses are as provided with their respective written testimony. For Great Oaks,

the qualifications of witnesses John Roeder, Ron Ceolla, and Tim Guster are as provided in Great Oaks' Exhibit D Report on Results of Operations, Chapter 11 Qualifications (attached hereto as Great Oaks Water Company Witness Qualifications). For Cal Advocates, the qualifications of witnesses Chris Ronco, Roy Keowen, Niamh Murphy, Daphne Goldberg, and Prashanta Adhikari are as provided in Attachments 1 through 5 to the Cal Advocates Report on Great Oaks Water Company's Fiscal Test Year 2022-2023 General Rate Case Application (all of which are attached hereto as Cal Advocates Witness Qualifications).

Date: January 24, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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