

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Suburban Water Systems

Date Mailed to Service List: January 22, 2025

District: n/a

CPUC Utility #: U – 339-W

Protest Deadline (20th Day): February 11, 2025

Advice Letter #: 408-W

Review Deadline (30th Day): February 21, 2025

Tier:
 1 2 3 Compliance

Requested Effective Date: March 1, 2025

Authorization: D. 24-12-030

Rate Impact: \$104,676 or 0.096%

Description: To amortize the COVID-19 Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account.

The protest or response deadline for this advice letter is 20 days from the date that this advice letter was mailed to the service list. Please see the "Response or Protest" section in the advice letter for more information.

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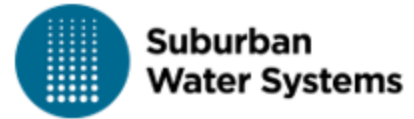
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VIA EMAIL

U-339-W

ADVICE LETTER NO. 408-W

January 22, 2025

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Suburban Water Systems (Suburban) hereby transmits for filing the following changes in its tariff schedules applicable to its service area and which are attached hereto:

CPUC Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling CPUC Sheet No.
2009-W	Schedule SJ-1 (Continued), San Jose Hills Service Area, Residential Metered Service	1999-W
2010-W	Schedule SJ-2 (Continued), San Jose Hills Service Area, Non-Residential Metered Service	2000-W
2011-W	Schedule SJ-3 (Continued), San Jose Hills Service Area, Recycled Water Metered Service	2002-W
2012-W	Schedule WLM-1 (Continued), Whittier/La Mirada Service Area, Residential Metered Service	2003-W
2013-W	Schedule WLM-2 (Continued), Whittier/La Mirada Service Area, Non-Residential Metered Service	2004-W
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This advice letter seeks Commission authorization for Suburban to amortize costs tracked in the COVID-19 Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) via a one-time surcharge of \$0.074 per 100 cubic feet water consumption applied to the quantity rates for San Jose Hills and Whittier/La Mirada Service Areas, commencing on March 1, 2025. The requested amount \$104,676 has been reduced by the funding received from State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in 2024 related to California Extended Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program.

Furthermore, Suburban plans to close the CEMA associated with COVID-19 account once the balance in the account has been fully amortized.

Background

These tariffs are submitted pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 12 and 13 of D.24-12-030 which states:

“12. Pursuant to Suburban Water System’s (Suburban) Special Request 10 Suburban shall file a Tier 1 Advice Letter to amortize the COVID-19 Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account.

13. Suburban Water System’s (Suburban) Special Request 11 to keep the COVID-19 Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account open is denied. Suburban shall close the COVID-19 Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account via a Tier 1 Advice Letter. Suburban shall apply funds received from the State Water resources Control Board to forgive arrearages as an offset against the revenue shortfalls in this account..”

Tier Designation and Effective Date

This is a Tier 1 filing – the advice letter is a compliance advice letter. Suburban requests processing by the Commission’s Water Division so the surcharge will become effective on March 1, 2025.

In compliance with Water Industry Rule 4.1 of General Order 96-B, a copy of this advice letter has been mailed or electronically transmitted to all interested and affected parties as detailed in Attachment A.

Protest and Responses

Anyone may respond to or protest 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 the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds are:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter;
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies;
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions;
- (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 relitigating a prior order of the Commission.)

A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest 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 respondent or protestant must serve a copy of the protest or response to: Suburban Water Systems, Kiki

Carlson, Director of Regulatory Affairs, 1325 N. Grand Ave., Suite 100, Covina, CA 91724-4044, and email to kiki.carlson@nexuswg.com

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, within the 20-day protest period, so that a late filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

Replies: The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Each reply must be received by the Division of Water and Audits within 5 business days after the end of the protest period, and shall be served on the same day to the person who filed the protest or response.

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact Suburban Water Systems at (626) 543-2500.

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

Sincerely,

/s/Kiki Carlson_____

Kiki Carlson
Director, Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

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Attachment A

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Schedule SJ-1
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SAN JOSE HILLS SERVICE AREA
RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 16. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission (C.P.U.C.) pursuant to D.24-12-030 all bills are subject to a one-time surcredit of \$0.13 per 100 cubic feet of water used, beginning with the effective date of Advice Letter 406-W. This surcredit will amortize the over-collection balance in various Memorandum and Balancing Accounts.
- 17. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission (C.P.U.C.), all bills are subject to surcharge of \$0.230 per 100 cubic feet. This surcharge will amortize the shortfall in revenue between the interim rates implemented on January 1, 2024 and pursuant to Decision 24-12-030 the rates approved in Advice Letter 406-W which became effective on March 1, 2025. This surcharge shall commence on the effective date of Advice Letter 407-W, and remain in effect for an estimated 22-month period or until the shortfall in revenue is fully amortized.
- 18. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission (C.P.U.C.), all non Customer Assistance Program (CAP) bills are subject to a surcharge of \$0.037 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption. This surcharge will recover the under-collection balance in the CAP, the difference between the interim rate implemented on January 1, 2024 and pursuant to Decision 24-12-030 the rates approved in Advice Letter 406-W which became effective on March 1, 2025. This surcharge shall commence on the effective date of Advice Letter 407-W, and remain in effect for an estimated 12-month period or until the shortfall in CAP is fully amortized.
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SAN JOSE HILLS SERVICE AREA
NON RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE

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RECYCLED WATER METERED SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

21. As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission (C.P.U.C.), all non Customer Assistance Program (CAP) bills are subject to a surcharge of \$0.037 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption. This surcharge will recover the under-collection balance in the CAP, the difference between the interim rate implemented on January 1, 2024 and pursuant to Decision 24-12-030 the rates approved in Advice Letter 406-W which became effective on March 1, 2025. This surcharge shall commence on the effective date of Advice Letter 407-W, and remain in effect for an estimated 12-month period or until the shortfall in CAP is fully amortized.

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WHITTIER/LA MIRADA SERVICE AREA
RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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