

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

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: California American Water

Date Mailed to Service List: April 15, 2020

District: Ventura District

CPUC Utility #: U210W

Protest Deadline (20th Day): May 05, 2020

Advice Letter #: 1292

Review Deadline (30th Day): May 15, 2020

Tier ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ Compliance

Requested Effective Date: April 15, 2020

Authorization D.18-12-021

Rate Impact: \$See AL
See AL%

Description: Ventura Tariff Clean Up

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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ADVICE LETTER NO. 1292

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California-American Water Company (California American Water) (U210W) submits for review this advice letter including the following attached tariff sheets applicable to its All Districts.

<u>C.P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling Sheet No.</u>
XXXX-W	Schedule No. CA-LIRA Ventura County District Tariff Area LOW INCOME RATEPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	9418-W
XXXX-W	Schedule No. CA-LIRA Ventura County District Tariff Area LOW INCOME RATEPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	9404-W
XXXX-W	Schedule No. VN-1 (Continued) Ventura County District Tariff Area GENERAL METERED SERVICE	9324-W
XXXX-W	Schedule No. VN-1 (Continued) Ventura County District Tariff Area GENERAL METERED SERVICE	9247-W
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Purpose:

By this advice letter, California American Water requests authorization to revise its Ventura Rate Schedule and Ventura LIRA Rate Schedule tariffs. The changes are:

- Add the following tariffs:
 - Create new Ventura- 9MC sheets (1-3) to replace sheets (6-9).
- Delete the following tariffs:
 - 2016 GRC Interim Rate True-Up on sheets (4 VN-1 and 8 VN-9MC), which are no longer in effect.
 - Sheets (5 VN-1 and 9 VN-9MC) are being deleted and consolidated with existing sheets (9247-W and 9459-W).
 - Sheets (VN-9MC (6-9), which are no longer effective.
- Modify the following tariffs:
 - Changed “LIRAP” acronym to “LIRA” to be consistent with other tariffs.
 - Changed Purchased Water Offset Special Condition language and rates on sheet (7 VN-9MC) to be consistent with rate sheet (VN-1 9324-W). Tariff sheet (7 VN-9MC) was inadvertently not updated with the approved and properly billed rate.
 - Updated Ventura LIRA rates to reflect AL 1268, 2020 Step Rates. Tariff

sheets (9418-W and 9404-W) were inadvertently not updated with the approved and properly billed rate.

The above changes do not impact authorized rates and all customers were billed correctly with respect to the modification addressed above.

Background:

In an effort to maintain accurate tariffs, California American Water will continuously review its tariffs to identify tariffs that need to be added, deleted and modified.

Request:

California American Water is requesting authorization to update the Ventura Rate Schedule and Venture LIRA Rate Schedule tariffs.

Tier Designation:

These tariffs are submitted pursuant to General Order No.96-B and this advice letter is designated as a Tier 1 filing.

Effective Date:

California American Water requests an effective date of April 15, 2020.

Notice

Per guidance from the California Public Utilities Commission's Water Division, during the COVID-19 pandemic advice letters will only be delivered electronically to the service list. Hardcopy advice letters will be mailed as soon as administrative staff are able to return to California American Water offices.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST¹

Anyone may submit a response or protest for this AL. When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.**

A **response** supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the AL. A **protest** objects to the AL in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds² are:

1. The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the AL;
2. The relief requested in the AL 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 AL contain material error or omissions;
4. The relief requested in the AL is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
5. The relief requested in the AL requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the AL process; or

¹ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

² G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.2

6. The relief requested in the AL 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.
7. A protest may not rely on policy objections to an AL where the relief requested in the AL follows rules or directions established by statute or Commission order applicable to the utility. A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

DWA must receive a response or protest via email (or postal mail) within 20 days of the date the AL is filed. When submitting a response or protest, **please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line.**

The addresses for submitting a response or protest are:

Email Address:

Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

Mailing Address:

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On the same day the response or protest is submitted to DWA, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest to California American Water at:

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Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform DWA, 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.

REPLIES³

The utility shall reply to each protest and may reply to any response. Any reply must be received by DWA within five business days after the end of the protest period, and shall be served on the same day on each person who filed the protest or response to the AL.

CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

³ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3

/s/ Jeffrey T. Linam

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Vice President of Rates & Regulatory

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9418-W

Schedule No. CA-LIRA
California American Water
LOW INCOME RATEPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sheet 3

RATES:**Central Division:****Quantity Rates:**CEN – SAT -- AMBLER PARK, TORO, RALPH LANE, GARRAPATA**Residential Customers:****Base Rate****Per 100 gal (CGL)**

For the first 59.8 CGL.....	\$0.5177
For the next 74.8 CGL.....	\$0.8629
For the next 650.8 CGL.....	\$1.2943
For all water over 785.4 CGL.....	\$1.8875

Service Charge: General MeteredPer Meter Per Month

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$11.18
For 3/4-inch meter	\$16.77
For 1-inch meter	\$27.94
For 1-1/2-inch meter	\$55.88
For 2-inch meter	\$89.41
For 3-inch meter	\$167.64
For 4-inch meter	\$279.40
For 6-inch meter	\$558.80
For 8-inch meter	\$894.08

Southern Division:**Ventura****Residential Customers**Base RatePer 100 gal (CGL)

For the first 89.7 CGL.....	\$0.4269
For the next 89.7 CGL.....	\$0.5473
For the next 269.2 CGL.....	\$0.9098
For all water delivered over 448.4 CGL.....	\$1.3408

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Schedule No. CA-LIRA
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LOW INCOME RATEPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sheet 4

RATES:

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Ventura (Continued):

Service Charge: General Metered

	<u>Per Meter</u>
	<u>Per Month</u>
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$7.26
For 3/4-inch meter.....	\$10.89
For 1-inch meter.....	\$18.15
For 1-1/2-inch meter.....	\$36.30
For 2-inch meter.....	\$58.08
For 3-inch meter.....	\$108.90
For 4-inch meter.....	\$181.49
For 6-inch meter.....	\$362.98
For 8-inch meter.....	\$580.77
For 10-inch meter.....	\$834.86

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Los Angeles

Baldwin Hills Service Area

Baldwin Hills Service Area:**Residential Customers:**

	Base Rate <u>Per 100 gal (CGL)</u>
For the first 82.2 CGL	\$0.3924
For the next 52.3 CGL	\$0.4905
For the next 164.5 CGL	\$0.7955
For all water delivered over 299.2 CGL	\$1.1066

Duarte Service Area

Residential Customers:

	Base Rate <u>Per 100 gal (CGL)</u>
For the first 82.2 CGL	\$0.3074
For the next 89.7 CGL	\$0.3939
For the next 1,099.5 CGL	\$0.5956
For all water delivered over 1,271.6 CGL	\$0.9102

San Marino

Residential Customers:

	Base Rate <u>Per 100 gal (CGL)</u>
For the first 97.2 CGL	\$0.2816
For the next 112.2 CGL	\$0.3927
For the next 351.5 CGL	\$0.7208
For all water delivered over 561.0 CGL	\$0.9467

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Schedule No. VN-1 (Continued)
Ventura County District Tariff Area
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

Sheet 3

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

General Items

1. Qualifying low-income customers can receive a discount on their bill. Customers must apply with the Company for acceptance into the low-income program. For additional details, please see Tariff Schedule CA-LIRA.
2. Any customer paying for service at a premise where a Residential Fire Sprinkler System (R.F.P.S.) is required/requested to be installed by local fire and building codes shall be allowed to have their monthly service charge modified in accordance with the monthly costs for R.F.P.S. service charges. Provided, however, that the R.F.P.S. rate has been requested by the customer and verified by the Company that the smaller size of meter would be large enough to provide adequate service for the property in absence of the additional demand necessary to supply water to the sprinkler system. The R.F.P.S. will not be considered a fire service by the Company, but as an oversized general metered service. As such the rules and conditions of service for general metered service shall apply.

Fees and Surcharges

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth in Schedule No. UF.
2. A surcharge is included on each bill to collect franchise taxes and/or business license fees paid to various municipalities. The amount collected is 2.0% based on gross revenues before taxes and PUC fees for the County of Ventura and the City of Thousand Oaks.
3. Per Advice Letter 1230-B, a surcharge of \$1.81 for the Low Income Ratepayer Assistance Program ("LIRA") Balancing Account will be collected from all non-low income water and wastewater customers. (T)
4. D.18-12-021 authorized a three-year conservation budget of \$638,388 for 2018-2020 for the Ventura District. Per AL 1230-B, a surcharge of \$0.0129 per hundred gallons will be applied to each bill to fund California American Water conservation efforts.
5. Per Advice Letter 1230-B, the under- collected balance in the Ventura County District Consolidated Expense Balancing Account (CEBA) will be recovered through a quantity based surcharge of \$0.0129 per 100 gallons over 12 months effective May 1, 2019. The total amount will be recovered from all classes of customers.
6. Per Advice Letter 1243, a surcharge is applied to each bill to offset the increase in purchased water cost imposed by the Calleguas Municipal Water District. This increase results in a needed revenue increase of \$1,831,108 or 4.80%. The surcharge of \$0.0363 per 100 gallons is added to the quantity rate effective May 11, 2019.
7. A surcharge is included in each bill to recover the net under-collection in the Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (WRAM) and Modified Cost Balancing Account (MCBA). For the period ending December 31, 2018, the net under-collection totals \$11,305,105 including interest. The surcharge of \$0.1103 per 100 gallons is set to recover the under-collection at a rate equal to 15% of the authorized revenue requirement as approved by D.18-12-021.

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Ventura County District Tariff Area
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

Sheet 4

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Fees and Surcharges (Continued):

8. Per D.18-12-021 a meter-based bill credit for the Excess Non-Plant Accumulated Deferred Income Tax will be refunded to customers over the 24-month period beginning October 17, 2019.

Meter Size	Refunds by Meter Equivalents
5/8 x 3/4	\$1.32
3/4	\$1.97
1	\$3.29
1 1/2	\$6.58
2	\$10.53
3	\$19.75
4	\$32.91
6	\$65.82
8	\$105.32
10	\$151.40

9. Per D.18-12-021 a meter-based bill credit for the 2018 Excess Plant Related Accumulated Deferred Income Tax will be refunded to customers over the 12-month period beginning January 21, 2020.

Meter Size	Refunds by Meter Equivalents
5/8 x 3/4	\$0.13
3/4	\$0.20
1	\$0.33
1 1/2	\$0.65
2	\$1.05
3	\$1.96
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Schedule No. VN-9MC
Ventura County District Tariff Area
METERED CONSTRUCTION SERVICE

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water service for construction purposes.

TERRITORY

Portions of Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, an area adjacent to Camarillo, and vicinity, Ventura County.

RATE

Quantity Rate:	Per Month
	<u>For 100 gal (CGL)</u>
For all water delivered, per CGL	\$0.6418
Minimum Charge:	Per Day
	<u>For all sizes of meters</u>
	\$36.52

The Minimum Charge entitles the customer to the quantity of water which that minimum charge would purchase at the Quantity Rate.

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Schedule No. VN-9MC (Continued)
Ventura County District Tariff Area
METERED CONSTRUCTION SERVICE

Sheet 2

SPECIAL CONDITIONS**General Items**

1. Construction water service under this schedule will be furnished only when surplus water is available over the requirements for domestic service and under conditions which will not adversely affect domestic service. The utility will be the sole judge as to the availability of such surplus water.
2. Applicants for metered construction service will be required to apply for the service at least 48 hours in advance of the time delivery of water is requested and to pay the costs and charges as provided in Rule 13, Temporary Service.

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