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January 17, 2018

Jeffrey T. Linam
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California-American Water Company
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Dear Mr. Linam,

The Commission has approved California-American Water Company's Advice Letter No. 1185-W, filed on December 20, 2017, regarding the closure of the Carmel River Mitigation and the MPWMD Conservation Balancing Accounts located in the Monterey County District and submitted in accordance with D.17-01-013.

The Advice Letter will have an effective date of December 20, 2017 for the utility's files.

Please contact Pui-Wa Li at (415) 703-5327 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

/s/JENNIFER PEREZ

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December 20, 2017

ADVICE LETTER NO. 1185

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California-American Water Company ("California American Water") (U210W) hereby submits for review this advice letter.

Purpose:

This advice letter filing is being made to request the closure of the Carmel River Mitigation and the MPWMD Conservation Balancing Accounts for the Monterey County District in accordance with California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Decision ("D.") 17-01-013.

Background:

In D.17-01-013, the Commission authorized California American Water to resume collecting an 8.325% User Fee on behalf of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District ("MPWMD") and remitting the User Fee proceeds to MPWMD¹. D.17-01-013 also approved a wind down of the Carmel River Mitigation Program Balancing Account and the MPWMD Conservation Balancing Account. Specifically, with respect to the Carmel River Mitigation Program Balancing Account and the MPWMD Conservation Balancing Account, D.17-01-013 orders:

7. The final balances of the Carmel River Mitigation Program Balancing Account and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Conservation Balancing Account shall be transferred to the Monterey Consolidated Expense Balancing Account so that they can be addressed in the California –American Water Company General Rate Case (Application 16-07-002), which is scheduled to establish rates and surcharges beginning 2018.

On October 26, 2017, Cal-Am filed supplemental advice letter 1174-B and 1176-A, respectively, to transfer the Carmel River Mitigation Program Balancing Account and the MPWMD Conservation Balancing Account balances into the Consolidated Expense Balancing account (CEBA) in compliance with D. 17-01-013.

Request:

Cal-Am requests closing the MPWMD Conservation and the Carmel River Mitigation program balancing accounts.

¹ California American Water filed AL 1152 to request implementation of the MPWMD User Fee, and the Commission approved it with an effective date of March 20, 2017.

Tier Designation:

Pursuant to D.17-01-013, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

Effective Date:

California American Water requests an effective date of December 20, 2017.

RESPONSE OR PROTEST²

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 grounds³ 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
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:

CA Public Utilities Commission

² G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.1

³ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.2

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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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Sacramento, CA 95838

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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.

REPLIES⁴

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

/s/ Jeffrey T. Linam

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⁴ G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.4.3