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February 15, 2023

Kiki Carlson
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Dear Ms. Carlson,

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has approved Suburban Water Systems' Advice Letter No. 386, filed on December 22, 2022, regarding authorization to establish Environmental Improvements and Compliance Issues for Acquisitions Memorandum Account (EICIAMA).

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets, effective December 22, 2022, for the utility's files:

P.U.C. Sheet

No.	Title of Sheet
1922-W	Preliminary Statement AC. Environmental improvements and Compliance Issues for Acquisitions Memorandum Account (EICIAMA)
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Please contact Alison Pafford at APF@cpuc.ca.gov or 415-417-7615, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures

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AC. Environmental Improvements and Compliance Issues for Acquisitions
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**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS**

Advice Letter Cover Sheet

Utility Name: Suburban Water Systems **Date Mailed to Service List:** December 22, 2022
District: n/a
CPUC Utility #: U – 339-W **Protest Deadline (20th Day):** January 11, 2023
Advice Letter #: 386-W **Review Deadline (30th Day):** January 21, 2023
Tier: ☒ ☐ ☐ ☒
 1 2 3 Compliance **Requested Effective Date:** December 22, 2022
Authorization: Decision 22-04-010
Rate Impact: N/A
Description: Suburban requests the authorization to establish Environmental Improvements and Compliance Issues for Acquisitions Memorandum Account (EICAMA)

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.

Utility Contact: Kiki Carlson

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
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Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Date: _____



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VIA EMAIL

U-339-W

ADVICE LETTER NO. 386-W

December 22, 2022

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Suburban Water Systems (“Suburban”) hereby submits for filing with the Commission the following changes in its tariff sheets which are attached hereto:

CPUC Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling CPUC Sheet No.
1922-W	Preliminary Statement – Environmental improvements and Compliance Issues for Acquisitions Memorandum Account (EICAMA)	n/a
1923-W	Table of Contents	1921-W

By this advice letter, Suburban requests an authorization to implement Ordering Paragraph (OP) 9 Decision (D.) 22-04-010, Decision authorizing the purchase of Sativa Los Angeles County Water District by Suburban Water Systems.

OP 9 of D.22-04-010 states:

9. *Suburban Water Systems is authorized to file a Tier 1 Advice Letter to establish a Compliance Issues for Acquisitions Memorandum Account consistent with this Decision.*

D.22-04-010 granted Suburban requests for an authorization to file advice letters for recovery on an annual basis beginning on March 1, 2024, for costs tracked in 2021. Subsequent advice letters will be filed on March 1, 2025, and March 1, 2026, for costs tracked in the years 2022 and 2023, respectively. Consequently, to clarify the memorandum account, Suburban has included the timing on the recovery of the costs to this specific memorandum account.

Further advice letters should not be necessary as the acquisition should be fully incorporated into Suburban’s revenue requirement beginning with the Test Year 2024.

Tier Designation and Effective Date

Pursuant to OP 9 of D.22-04-010 this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation. Suburban requests that the advice letter is effective on December 22, 2022, the date of this advice letter is being filed with the Commission.

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, Regulatory Affairs Manager, 1325 N. Grand Ave., Suite 100, Covina, CA 91724-4044, and email kcarlson@swwc.com

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, within the 20 days 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.

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

In compliance with General Rule 4.3 and 7.2 and 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.

Sincerely,

/s/Kiki Carlson

Kiki Carlson
Regulatory Affairs Manager

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Attachment A

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