

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

In the Matter of the Application of Golden State Water Company (D 133 W) for an Order Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851 Approving a Stipulation in a Water Rights Adjudication, and for an Order Pursuant to Section 454 approving the Ratemaking Treatment of the costs of the Adjudication and Settlement.

Application 06-02-026  
(Filed February 24, 2006)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

A Prehearing Conference (PHC) will be held in this proceeding at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 7, 2006, in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102.

**1. Parties to Proceeding**

The applicant is the Golden State Water Company (Golden State). The protestant is the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA). Applicant, protestant, and any subsequent parties to this proceeding are referred to herein as "parties," and they shall comply with this ruling.

**2. Issues to be Addressed**

Applicant requests an order of the Commission, pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 851 approving a stipulation in a water rights adjudication, and for an order pursuant to section 454 approving the ratemaking treatment of the costs of the adjudication and settlement. DRA protested Golden State's application and recommended that the Commission address the section 851

issues in this proceeding and defer ratemaking issues to a subsequent general rate case.

In addition to the issues raised by the pleadings, the PHC will address discovery; schedule of proceedings; opportunities for alternative dispute resolution (ADR); and any other matters that should be discussed.

### **3. PHC Statements**

In advance of the PHC, the parties shall meet and confer on the specific issues to be addressed, discovery needs and how discovery can be most expeditiously completed, what method(s) of ADR may be appropriate, and a proposed schedule for proceedings.

On or before Thursday, April 6, 2006, each party shall file and service a PHC statement. (Rule 6.2 of the Commission's Rules of Practice & Procedure (Rule).) The parties may submit a joint PHC statement. The PHC statement will address the specific issues involved in this proceeding, discovery needs, anticipated motions, what method(s) of ADR may be appropriate, and a suggested prehearing and hearing schedule. In addition to normal service of these PHC statements, parties shall e-mail their PHC statements to the assigned Administrative Law Judge ([jet@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jet@cpuc.ca.gov)).

### **4. Service of Pleadings**

Rule 2.3.1, "Service by Electronic Mail," is applicable to this proceeding.

### **5. Transcripts**

Parties who desire an expedited or daily transcript should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter by telephone at (415) 703-2288 no later than three days prior to the PHC. Questions regarding the date, time, or place for the PHC should be directed to the Calendar Clerk at (415) 703-1203.

**6. Notice to Persons with Disabilities**

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**TTY:** 1-866-836-7825 (toll free) or (415) 703-5282

**FAX:** (415) 703-5404 (Attn: Public Advisor)

**IT IS SO RULED.**

Dated March 29, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

          /s/ JOHN E. THORSON          

John E. Thorson  
Administrative Law Judge

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Prehearing Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 29, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

      /s/ ERLINDA PULMANO        
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## N O T I C E

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