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Re: Big Basin Water Company, AL 83 -W 2023 General Rate Case
Dear Big Basin Water Company and California Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing to provide **conditional** support of the proposed water rate increase of 55.59% requested by Big Basin Water Company in Advice Letter 83-W dated December 20, 2022, and described in the Notice of Proposed Rate Increase letter mailed to customers on March 18, 2023.

As a customer of Big Basin Water Company (BBW), I understand additional funds are needed to continue operating the water system. I support a rate increase if there is a plan for using these funds for operational and infrastructure repair costs (excluding paying off fines).

I also understand that BBW has a signed purchase agreement with a private company and that the CPUC will verify that the transfer of ownership is in the public interest. I am concerned that a private company will have the same issues with receiving FEMA assistance and low cost loans for infrastructure repairs. I firmly believe public ownership is the best path going forward.

I hope that the CPUC will carefully evaluate this proposal and the signed purchase agreement and make a decision that is in the best interests of the community.

Sincerely,