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# California Water Service Group Announces Election of Dr. Thomas M. Krummel to Board of Directors

SAN JOSE, CA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 06/30/10 -- Today California Water Service Group (NYSE: CWT) announced the election of Thomas M. Krummel, M.D., 58, to the company's Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2010.

As the Susan B. Ford Surgeon-in-Chief at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford and Emile Holman Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine, Dr. Krummel brings vast public health expertise to the position. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from University of Wisconsin at Parkside and an M.D. from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

"Dr. Krummel has had a distinguished career in medicine, and he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our Board. It is my great pleasure to welcome him to California Water Service Group," said Board Chairman Robert W. Foy.

A leader in his field, Dr. Krummel has received numerous awards and honors. Most recently, he received the "Outstanding Achievement in Medicine" award from the Santa Clara County Medical Association. He was also named a "Best Doctor" by San Francisco Magazine on three separate occasions and one of "America's Top Doctors" by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd from 2003 through 2009. He has also been honored with the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching; the John Austin Collins, M.D. Memorial Award for Outstanding Teaching and Dedication to Resident Teaching; and the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford Recognition of Service Excellence.

"We take pride in the range and depth of talents and professional backgrounds represented on our Board. As a water provider, public health and safety is our highest priority, and we are very pleased to add to our strength in this area," Foy said.

California Water Service Group is the parent company of California Water Service Company, Washington Water Service Company, New Mexico Water Service Company, Hawaii Water Service Company, Inc., CWS Utility Services, and HWS Utility Services, LLC. Together these companies provide regulated and non-regulated water service to approximately 2 million people in more than 100 California, Washington, New Mexico and Hawaii communities. Group's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CWT."

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