

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 27, 2005  
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CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-13883	77-0448994
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(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1720 North First Street, San Jose, CA.	95112
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 1-408-367-8200  
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Not Applicable  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 27, 2005, the registrant issued the press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99, which announces the results of operations for the second quarter of 2005.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The list of exhibits called for by this Item is incorporated by reference to the exhibit index to this report.

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP

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(Registrant)

Date: July 28, 2005

By: /s/ Richard D. Nye

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Richard D. Nye  
Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	Press release of the registrant dated July 27, 2005 which announces the results of operations for the second quarter of 2005.

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1720 North First Street  
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July 27, 2005

Contact: Richard D. Nye (408) 367-8216 (analysts)  
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CAL WATER ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER 2005 RESULTS;  
BOARD DECLARES 243rd CONSECUTIVE QUARTERLY DIVIDEND  
AND APPOINTS NEW VICE PRESIDENT, ENGINEERING & WATER QUALITY

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SAN JOSE, CA - California Water Service Group (NYSE : CWT) today announced net income of \$7.6 million and earnings of \$0.41 per share for the second quarter of 2005, compared to net income of \$10.1 million and earnings of \$0.59 per share in the second quarter of 2004.

Revenue for the second quarter decreased \$7.4 million, or 8%, to \$81.5 million. Rate increases added \$2.5 million to revenue and sales to new customers added \$0.9 million. These increases were offset by a \$10.8 million decrease in sales to existing customers resulting from cooler temperatures and higher than normal rainfall.

"Our results continue to be hampered by cool weather and an unusual amount of precipitation. In California, we had 2.5 inches of rain in the second quarter, compared to less than one-third of an inch in the second quarter of 2004. Long term, the above-average precipitation replenishes the state's underground aquifers and reservoirs; in the short term, however, it decreases sales and impacts our earnings," said President and Chief Executive Officer Peter C. Nelson.

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"Despite the rain, we continue to execute our strategy by aggressively pursuing fair regulatory treatment, operating efficiently, adding customers, and providing excellent service, and we expect to see improved results when the weather heats up and sales rise," Nelson said.

Total operating expenses for the second quarter decreased 6%, or \$4.6 million. Water production costs decreased 12% due to the decrease in water usage. Other operations expenses were comparable to those incurred in the second quarter of 2004. Maintenance expense increased 24%, reflecting work done on wells, pumping equipment, water treatment equipment, mains, and meters. Depreciation expense increased 7% due to increases in 2004 capital expenditures. Income taxes were 25% lower due to lower pre-tax income.

Other income increased \$0.2 million, or 34%, primarily due to interest from short term investments. There were minimal gains from property sales for either quarter.

On July 21, 2005, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved the Company's 2004 General Rate Case filing (GRC), which will increase revenues by \$7.6 million on an annual basis. The decision is substantially the same as the proposed decision announced on June 28, 2005. The GRC includes 8 of the Company's 24 districts and nearly 50% of the Company's California customers. The new rates were effective July 26, 2005.

At their meeting today, Directors declared the 243rd consecutive quarterly dividend on common stock in the amount of \$0.2850. It is payable on August 19, 2005, to stockholders of record on August 8, 2005. The regular dividend on Series C preferred stock was also declared.

The Board also appointed Michael J. Rossi as Vice President, Engineering & Water Quality, effective October 1, 2005. Currently California Water Service Company's Chief Engineer, Rossi began his career with the Company in 1977. He

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holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration, both earned at San Jose State University. He is also a registered civil engineer and state-certified water treatment and water distribution operator.

Robert R. Guzzetta, who currently holds the position, was appointed as Vice President of Operations. He will succeed Raymond H. Taylor, who is retiring

after 23 years of service.

At the same time, the Board approved additional changes in responsibilities of three other officers of the Company. Dan L. Stockton, current Vice President of Information Systems, was appointed Vice President, Corporate Development & Corporate Secretary; Paul G. Ekstrom, currently Vice President, Customer Service & Corporate Secretary, was appointed Vice President, Customer Service & Information Systems; and Francis S. Ferraro, currently Vice President, Regulatory Matters & Corporate Development, was appointed Vice President, Regulatory & Corporate Relations. All changes will be effective October 1, 2005.

"These key leadership changes further position the Company to achieve its objectives," Nelson said.

Investors are invited to listen to the Company's analyst teleconference, which is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. EDT / 1:00 p.m. PDT on July 28, 2005. The call-in number is 1-866-814-1919 and the ID No. is 733669. A replay is available through September 25, 2005, by calling 1-888-266-2081 and entering pass code 733669.

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., and CWS Utility Services. Together these companies provide regulated and non-regulated water service to more than 2 million people in 100 California, Washington, New Mexico, and Hawaii communities.

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Group's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CWT."

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("Act"). The forward-looking statements are intended to qualify under provisions of the federal securities laws for "safe harbor" treatment established by the Act. Forward-looking statements are based on currently available information, expectations, estimates, assumptions and projections, and management's judgment about the Company, the water utility industry and general economic conditions. Such words as expects, intends, plans, believes, estimates, assumes, anticipates, projects, predicts, forecasts or variations of such words or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. They are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Actual results may vary materially from what is contained in a forward-looking statement. Factors that may cause a result different than expected or anticipated include: governmental and regulatory commissions' decisions, including decisions on proper disposition of property; changes in regulatory commissions' policies and procedures; the timeliness of regulatory commissions' actions concerning rate relief; new legislation; the ability to satisfy requirements related to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and other regulations on internal controls; electric power interruptions; increases in suppliers' prices and the availability of supplies including water and power; fluctuations in interest rates; changes in environmental compliance and water quality requirements; acquisitions and our ability to successfully integrate acquired companies; the ability to successfully implement business plans; changes in customer water use patterns; the impact of weather on water sales and operating results; access to sufficient capital on satisfactory terms; civil disturbances or terrorist threats or acts, or apprehension about the possible future occurrences of acts of this type; the involvement of the United States in war or other hostilities; restrictive covenants in or changes to the credit ratings on our current or future debt that could increase our financing costs or affect our ability to borrow, make payments on debt or pay dividends; and, other risks and unforeseen events. When considering forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the cautionary statements included in this paragraph. The Company assumes no obligation to provide public updates of forward-looking statements.

Additional information is available at our Web site at [www.calwatergroup.com](http://www.calwatergroup.com).

Attachments (2).

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CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
Unaudited  
(In thousands, except per share data)

June 30, December 31,  
2005 2004

ASSETS		-----	-----
Utility plant:			
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	Utility plant	\$ 1,177,272	\$ 1,144,074
	Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	358,184	343,769
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		819,088	800,305
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Current assets:			
	Cash and cash equivalents	19,243	18,820
	Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectible accounts of \$286 at June 30, 2005 and \$ 287 at December 31, 2004		
	Customers	18,331	15,867
	Income taxes	363	7,298
	Other	4,629	3,147
	Unbilled revenue	13,601	9,307
	Materials and supplies, at average cost	3,834	3,161
	Prepaid pension expense	281	3,671
	Taxes and other prepaid expenses	5,501	9,122
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	Total current assets	65,783	70,393
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	Regulatory assets	55,174	53,477
	Other assets	19,646	18,678
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		\$ 959,691	\$ 942,853
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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES			
Capitalization:			
	Common stock, \$.01 par value	\$ 184	\$ 184
	Additional paid-in capital	131,510	131,271
	Retained earnings	154,574	156,851
	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(701)	(701)
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	Total common stockholders' equity	285,567	287,605
	Preferred stock	3,475	3,475
	Long-term debt, less current maturities	274,538	274,821
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	Total capitalization	563,580	565,901
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Current liabilities:			
	Current maturities of long-term debt	1,144	1,100
	Short-term borrowings	--	--
	Accounts payable	30,096	19,745
	Accrued expenses and other liabilities	37,868	36,367
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	Total current liabilities	69,108	57,212
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	Unamortized investment tax credits	2,721	2,721
	Deferred income taxes	56,710	54,826
	Regulatory and other liabilities	36,170	35,986
	Advances for construction	136,010	131,292
	Contributions in aid of construction	95,392	94,915
	Commitments and contingencies	--	--
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		\$ 959,691	\$ 942,853
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CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
(In thousands, except per share data)  
Unaudited

	For the three months ended:		For the six months ended:	
	June 30, 2005	June 30, 2004	June 30, 2005	June 30, 2004
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Operating revenue	\$ 81,457	\$ 88,845	\$141,760	\$149,085
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Operating expenses:				
Water production costs	29,395	33,563	49,215	54,724
Other operations	21,804	21,887	43,747	42,224
Maintenance	3,759	3,032	7,418	6,213
Depreciation and amortization	7,006	6,521	14,002	13,039
Income taxes	5,148	6,844	5,603	7,802
Property and other taxes	3,092	2,915	6,057	5,609
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Total operating expenses	70,204	74,762	126,042	129,611
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Net operating income	11,253	14,083	15,718	19,474
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Other income and expenses:				
Non-regulated income, net	705	573	1,343	1,123
Gain on sale of non-utility property	61	--	59	1
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Total other income and expenses	766	573	1,402	1,124
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Interest expense:				
Interest expense	4,653	4,752	9,299	9,398
Less capitalized interest	225	150	450	300
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Total interest expense	4,428	4,602	8,849	9,098
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Net income	\$ 7,591	\$ 10,054	\$ 8,271	\$ 11,500
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Earnings per share				
Basic	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.67
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Diluted	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.67
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Weighted average shares outstanding				
Basic	18,373	16,965	18,372	16,949
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Diluted	18,407	16,983	18,404	16,967
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Dividends per share of common stock	\$ 0.2850	\$ 0.2825	\$ 0.5700	\$ 0.5650
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