### **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): September 3, 2008

# CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-13883 (Commission file number)

77-0448994 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1720 North First Street San Jose, California (Address of principal executive offices)

95112 (Zip Code)

(408) 367-8200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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	(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)	
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#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 3, 2008, California Water Service Group (the "Company"), through it's wholly owned subsidiary Hawaii Water Service Company, completed the acquisition of all of the capital stock of Waikoloa Resort Utilities, Inc., Waikoloa Water Company, Inc., and Waikoloa Sanitary Sewer Company, Inc. (together "West Hawaii Utilities").

A copy of the Company's press release announcing the completion of the acquisition is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued September 3, 2008

Date: September 3, 2008

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly

#### CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP

By: /s/ Martin A. Kropelnicki
Name: Martin A. Kropelnicki
Title: Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

# NEWS RELEASE CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP



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## HAWAII WATER SERVICE COMPANY COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF WAIKOLOA WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

September 3, 2008, SAN JOSE, CA — Today Hawaii Water Service Company, a subsidiary of California Water Service Group (NYSE:CWT), completed its acquisition of Waikoloa Resort Utilities, Inc., Waikoloa Water Company, Inc., and Waikoloa Sanitary Sewer Company, Inc. (collectively known as West Hawaii Utilities), which provide water and wastewater services to homes, condominiums, hotels, golf courses, and shops at Waikoloa Beach Resort and in Waikoloa Village, both on the Big Island of Hawaii.

The acquisition, which was announced by Cal Water earlier this year, marks the company's second acquisition in Hawaii this year and increases the regulated customer count in Hawaii from 1.500 to 3.770.

Acquired assets include six wells, three wastewater treatment plants, and approximately 10 miles of water mains. Together the acquired systems produce approximately 5 million gallons of water per day, providing water utility services to 1,970 customer accounts. They also provide wastewater services to 300 customer accounts, treating more than 1 million gallons of wastewater per day.

The Hawaii Public Utilities Commission approved the purchase of the stock of the West Hawaii Utilities on August 21, 2008.

"We look forward to serving these growing communities in Waikoloa and believe that the systems will be a foundation for future growth on the Big Island," said Hawaii Water Service Company General Manager Terry S. Tamble.

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. Together these companies provide regulated and non-regulated water service to nearly 2 million people in California, Washington, New Mexico, and Hawaii. California Water Service Group's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CWT". Additional information is available at our Web site at <a href="https://www.calwatergroup.com">www.calwatergroup.com</a>.

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, but are not limited to: governmental and regulatory commissions' decisions; changes in regulatory commissions' policies and procedures; the timeliness of regulatory commissions' actions concerning rate relief; new legislation; 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 cur