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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): January 28, 2009

**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)

**N/A**  
(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:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On January 28, 2009, California Water Service Group (the "Company") issued a press release (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference) announcing the declaration of a quarterly dividend of \$0.2950 per common share payable on February 20, 2009, to stockholders of record on February 9, 2009.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

We hereby furnish the following exhibit with this report:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued January 28, 2009

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**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 authorized.

**CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP**

Date: January 28, 2009

By: /s/ Martin A. Kropelnicki

Name: Martin A. Kropelnicki

Title: Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer



NEWS RELEASE  
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP



1720 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95112-4598

January 28, 2009  
For Immediate Release

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**CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
DECLARES 257<sup>TH</sup> CONSECUTIVE QUARTERLY DIVIDEND AND  
42<sup>ND</sup> CONSECUTIVE ANNUAL DIVIDEND INCREASE**

SAN JOSE, CA — At its meeting today, the California Water Service Group (NYSE : CWT) Board of Directors declared the company's 257<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarterly dividend, increasing the annual dividend from \$1.17 to \$1.18. This represents the company's 42<sup>nd</sup> consecutive annual dividend increase. The quarterly dividend of \$0.2950 per common share will be payable on February 20, 2009, to stockholders of record on February 9, 2009.

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 more than 2 million people in 100 California, Washington, New Mexico, and Hawaii

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communities. 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, but are not limited to: 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; changes in accounting valuations and estimates; 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.*

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