
**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): **March 17, 2026**

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Shares, par value \$0.01	CWT	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined by Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On March 17, 2026, California Water Service Group (Group) issued a press release (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference) announcing the California Public Utilities Commission's proposed decision on the 2024 General Rate Case of California Water Service, Group's largest subsidiary.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

We hereby file the following exhibit with this report:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued March 17, 2026
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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: March 18, 2026

By: /s/ James P. Lynch

Name: James P. Lynch

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer



DATE: March 17, 2026
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For Immediate Release

**California Water Service Group Receives Proposed Decision
 on 2024 California General Rate Case**

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 17, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) - On Friday, March 13, 2026, the California Public Utilities Commission issued a proposed decision (PD) on the 2024 General Rate Case of California Water Service (2024 California GRC), the largest subsidiary of California Water Service Group (Company or Group, NYSE:CWT).

The PD authorizes additional revenues of \$92.3 million in 2026 (a rate increase of 11.1%); \$50.8 million in 2027 (a rate increase of 5.5%); and \$52.4 million in 2028 (a rate increase of 5.4%).

The final infrastructure investment budget for 2025 through 2027 was not included in the PD; however, the Company anticipates it will be provided as an attachment to the final decision.

Although the PD does not authorize the Company's request to decouple sales from revenues to promote conservation and lower water rates for low-income, low-water-using customers, it does reauthorize a Monterey-Style Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism and water production incremental cost balancing accounts.

It also establishes a sales reconciliation mechanism, which will allow the Company to adjust sales forecasts on an annual basis, and approves a rate design that is expected to better enable the Company to recover fixed costs regardless of water sales.



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Press Release



“We appreciate the timely issuance of the PD and look forward to making oral arguments, providing written comments, and having clarifying discussions with the Commission to achieve a closer alignment with what was requested in the application,” said Martin A. Kropelnicki, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Written comments are due from the Company by April 2, 2026, and oral arguments have yet to be scheduled. The California Public Utilities Commission is expected to adopt a final decision at its scheduled meeting on April 30, 2026, or shortly thereafter.

About California Water Service Group

Group is the parent company of regulated utilities California Water Service, Hawaii Water Service, New Mexico Water Service, and Washington Water Service, as well as Texas Water Service (TWSC, Inc.), a utility holding company. Together, these companies provide regulated and non-regulated water and wastewater service to more than 2.1 million people in California, Hawaii, New Mexico, Washington and Texas. Group’s common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “CWT.” Additional information is available online at www.calwatergroup.com.

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”). The forward-looking statements are intended to qualify under provisions of the federal securities laws for “safe harbor” treatment established by the PSLRA. Forward-looking statements in this news release are based on currently available information, expectations, estimates, assumptions and projections, and our management’s beliefs, assumptions, judgments and expectations about us, the water utility industry and general economic conditions. These statements are not statements of historical fact. When used in our documents, statements that are not historical in nature, including words like will, would, expects, intends, plans, believes, may, could, estimates, assumes, anticipates, projects, progress, predicts, hopes, targets, forecasts, should, seeks or variations of these words or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements in this news release include, but are not limited to, statements describing Group’s beliefs, expectations, and plans related to the CPUC’s proposed and final decisions on the 2024 GRC. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. They are based on numerous assumptions that we believe are reasonable, but they are open to a wide range of uncertainties and business risks. Consequently, actual results or outcomes may vary materially from what is contained in a forward-looking statement. Factors that may cause actual results or outcomes to be different than those expected or anticipated include but are not limited to the outcome and timeliness of the CPUC’s actions concerning rate relief and other matters with respect to the 2024 GRC and other risks described under the section entitled “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our other SEC filings. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this news release. We are not under any obligation, and we expressly disclaim any obligation, to update or alter any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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