

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Smegal Thomas F III</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY</u> (Street) <u>SAN JOSE</u> <u>CA</u> <u>95112</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP</u> [<u>CWT</u>] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/07/2023</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) <u>VP, CFO & Treasurer</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|----------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| <u>Common Stock</u> | <u>03/07/2023</u> | | <u>A</u> | | <u>1,275⁽¹⁾</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>\$58.83</u> | <u>46,884</u> | <u>D</u> | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted stock granted 03/07/2023 pursuant to the California Water Service Group equity incentive plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16-b-3. RSA vests with a one-third on March 7, 2024, with the remaining 2/3 vesting quarterly over the succeeding 24 months.

/s/ Michelle R. Mortensen on
behalf of Thomas F. Smegal III 03/09/2023
** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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