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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| affirmative defens 10b5-1(c). See In | se conditions of Rule struction 10. | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|--|----------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Esque Shelly Marian | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP [CWT] | | tionship of Reporting Personal applicable) Director Officer (give title | on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2024 | | below) | below) |
| -, | | 95112 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv | ridual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More than | orting Person |

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) | Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Form: Direct (D) | Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------|---|--|---------------|---------|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 03/05/2024 | | A | | 2,477(1) | Α | \$45.37 | 12,542(2) | D | |

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

| -1 | 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction | 3A. Deemed | 4. | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and | | 7. Title and Amount of | | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature | ı |
|----|---------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------|-------------|---|
| -1 | Derivative | Conversion | Date | Execution Date, | Transaction | | Derivative | | Expiration Date | | Securities Underlying | | Derivative | derivative | Ownership | of Indirect | L |
| -1 | Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise | (Month/Day/Year) | if any | Code (Instr. | | str. Securities | | (Month/Day/Year) | | Derivative Security | | Security | Securities | Form: | Beneficial | L |
| -1 | | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | 8) | 8) Acquired (A) | | (Instr. 3 a | | (Instr. 3 and | Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 5) | | Beneficially | Direct (D) | Ownership | L | |
| -1 | | Derivative | | | or Disposed of | | or Disposed of | | | | | | Owned | or Indirect | (Instr. 4) | L | |
| -1 | | Security | | | (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | | | | Following | (I) (Instr. 4) | | L | | | |
| -1 | | | | | and 5) | | nd 5) | | | | | Reported | | | L | | |
| -1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | Transaction(s) | | | L |
| -1 | | | | | | l | | | | | | Amount | | (Instr. 4) | | | L |
| -1 | | | | | | l | | | | | | or | | | | | 1 |
| -1 | | | | | | l | | | Date | Expiration | | Number | | | | | 1 |
| 1 | | | | | Code | ٧ | (A) | (D) | Exercisable | Date | Title | of Shares | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Restricted stock granted 3/5/2024 pursuant to the California Water Service Group equity incentive plan exempt under Rule 16-b-3. RSA vests with one-year cliff vesting term, vesting 100% on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- 2. Holdings include shares acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions.

/s/ Michelle R. Mortensen on behalf of Shelly M Esque

03/07/2024

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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- * 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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