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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Townsley Paul G. | | | | | <u>CAI</u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP [CWT] | | | | | | | | | all applicab Director Officer (g | le) | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Ow Other (s | | |
|--|---|------------------|-------------|--|------------|--|---------|---|------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|---|--|---|---|--|---|------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1720 NORTH FIRST STREET | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2017 | | | | | | | | | vP, Rates & Reg Matters | | | | |
| (Street) SAN JOSE CA 95112 | | | | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zi _l | o) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Та | ble I - Nor | ı-Der | ivativ | e Se | curitie | s Acqı | uired, [| Disp | osed of, | or | Benefic | cially Ow | ned | | | | |
| Date | | | | . Transaction Date Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and | | | | (111341.4) |
| Common Stock 01/0 | | | | | | 03/2017 | | | F | F 36 | | 36 ⁽¹⁾ D | | \$33.75 | 11,462 | | | D | |
| Common Stock 01/0 | | | | | | /04/2017 | | | F | | 39(2) | | D | \$34.3 | 11,423 | | | D | |
| 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) | ivative Conversion Date Execution Date, T urity (Instr. 3) or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | e Securities Under | | derlying curity | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(| E C S F Illy D | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | • | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | 011(3) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents the number of shares withheld by and surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy the tax withholding obligations that arose in connection with the vesting of the Restricted Stock Award (RSA) Award
- 2. Represents the number of shares withheld by and surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy the tax withholding obligations that arose in connection with the vesting of the Restricted Stock Award (RSA) Award #285.

Remarks:

/s/ Michelle Mortensen on behalf of Paul G. Townsley

01/05/2017

** 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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