

## FORM 4

## 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 * <u>KROPELNICKI MARTIN A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP</u> <u>1720 NORTH FIRST STREET</u>  (Street) <u>SAN JOSE CA 95112</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP [</u> <u>cwt ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>V.P., CFO and Treasurer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/01/2006</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

## 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			
California Water Service Group	05/01/2006		A		325	A	\$42.51	325	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)	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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$42.51	05/01/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>		2,500		06/01/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/01/2016	Common Stock	2,500	\$0	2,500	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Issued pursuant to the Company's Equity Incentive Plan. Rights were granted on 5/1/06 with a strike price of 42.51 and subject to vesting at 1/48 per month over a four year period.  
 2. Vests 1/48 per month beginning in 6/1/06

Dan L. Stockton for Martin A. Kropelnicki 05/01/2006

\*\* 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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