

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* EKSTROM PAUL G | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP [CWT] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) VP, Corporate Secretary | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP, 1720 NORTH FIRST STREET | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2004 | | | |
| (Street) SAN JOSE, CA 95112 | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | |

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 | 12/16/2004 | | M | | 3,000 | A | \$ 23.0625 | 3,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2004 | | S | | 1,500 | D | \$ 35.642 | 1,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2004 | | S | | 1,100 | D | \$ 35.65 | 400 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2004 | | S | | 400 | D | \$ 35.74 | 0 | D | |

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

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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 Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Stock options (right to buy) | \$ 23.0625 | 12/16/2004 | | M | | 3,000 | 06/28/2004 | 06/28/2010 | Common Stock | 3,000 | \$ 35.67 (1) | 3,750 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EKSTROM PAUL G C/O CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP 1720 NORTH FIRST STREET SAN JOSE, CA 95112 | | | VP, Corporate Secretary | |

Signatures

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| Paul G. Ekstrom | 12/17/2004 |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) 1,500 @ \$35.642, 1,100 @ \$35.65, 400 @ \$35.74

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