FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* TAYLOR RAYMOND H (Last) (First) (Middle) (Street)					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP [CWT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2004 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								(Check	VP, Operations 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(City)	(State) (2	Zip)										^	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
Da				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 a						Form	lirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	(Instr. 3 and				(50. 7)	
Common Stock 1				12/17/20	17/2004			S		3,00	0 D		\$35.2	0			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)	Code (Instr.		Derivative		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 derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti	e s ally g	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 4		ion(s)			
Stock options (right to buy)	\$23.0625	12/17/2004		М			3,000	06/28/2004	06	6/28/2010	commo stock	n	3,000	\$35.2	3,750	0	D		

Explanation of Responses:

Paul G. Ekstrom

12/20/2004

** 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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