

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL

|                                                 |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| OMB Number:                                     | 3235-0287 |
| Estimated average burden<br>hours per response: | 0.5       |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

☐ Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

☐ Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

|                                           |                                                          |                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol              | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)                                                          |
| <u>Mares Michael S JR</u>                 | <u>CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP [ CWT ]</u>            | Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><b>SVP Operations</b> |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)         |                                                                                                                                     |
| <u>1720 NORTH FIRST STREET</u>            | <u>03/05/2026</u>                                        |                                                                                                                                     |
| (Street)                                  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                                                                         |
| <u>SAN JOSE CA 95112</u>                  |                                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>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   |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/05/2026                           |                                                    | F                              |   | 75 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                 | D          | \$45.78 | 12,069.6                                                                                      | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/07/2026                           |                                                    | A                              |   | 900 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                | A          | \$0.0   | 12,969.6                                                                                      | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/07/2026                           |                                                    | F                              |   | 495 <sup>(3)</sup>                                                | D          | \$45.59 | 12,474.6                                                                                      | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/07/2026                           |                                                    | F                              |   | 58 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                 | D          | \$45.59 | 12,416.6                                                                                      | 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 |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        |

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)
2. The reporting person was granted a Performance Stock Unit (PSU) award on 3/7/2023. The PSU vested in full based on the satisfaction of certain performance criteria approved by the Board of Directors. The performance criteria was met resulting in 46% payout of the original goal
3. 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 a Performance Stock Unit (PSU) Award.

By: /s/ Michelle R. Mortensen For: Michael S Mares 03/09/2026

\*\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.