

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP, 1720 NORTH FIRST STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/04/2006

(Street)
 SAN JOSE, CA 95112

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
California Water Service Group	01/04/2006		A	325	A \$ 38.51	325	D
California Water Service Group						263.034	I 401-K

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 38.51	01/04/2006		A ⁽¹⁾	2,500	02/04/2006 ⁽²⁾ 01/04/2016	Common Stock 2.4

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

Vice
President

Signatures

Dan L. Stockton for Paul G.
Ekstrom

04/11/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Issued pursuant to the Company's Equity Incentive Plan. Rights were granted on 1/4/06 with a strike price of \$38.51 and subject to vesting at 1/48 per month over a four year period.
- (2) Vests 1/48 per month beginning in 2/4/06 over a four year period.
- (3) Also holds 1,500 in stock options previously reported.

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