

EKSTROM PAUL G
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FORM 4

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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1720 NORTH FIRST ST
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/04/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Information Systems

SAN JOSE, CA 95112
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	03/04/2008		P	630 A \$ 37.6	1,355	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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽²⁾	\$ 37.6	03/06/2008		A	3,750	04/04/2008 03/04/2018	Common Stock	3,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EKSTROM PAUL G 1720 NORTH FIRST ST SAN JOSE, CA 95112			VP, Information Systems	

Signatures

By: Martin A. Kropelnicki For: Paul Ekstrom 03/06/2008

__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) Restricted Stock Award granted 3/4/2008 pursuant to the California Water Service Group Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16-b-3. Subject to vesting at 1/48th per month over a four-year period.
- (2) Stock settled Stock Appreciation Right (SSAR) granted pursuant to the Company's Equity Incentive Plan on 3-4-2008 at an exercise price of \$37.60 and subject to vesting at 1/48th per month over a four year period.

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