

EKSTROM PAUL G
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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)
03/04/2009

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

SAN JOSE, CA 95112

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	03/04/2009		A	890	\$ 0	2,245	D
Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	03/04/2009		A	5,500	\$ 38.38	7,745	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)

Table with 9 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Includes EKSTROM PAUL G, 1720 NORTH FIRST ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95112, and relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, VP, Information Systems, Other.

Signatures

By: Lynne McGhee For: Paul Ekstrom 03/05/2009
**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 3/3/2009 pursuant to the California Water Service Group Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16-b-3. The RSA vests monthly over 4 years.
(2) Settled Stock Appreciation Right (SSAR) granted 3/26/2008 pursuant to the California Water Service Group Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16-b-3. The SSARs vest monthly over 4 years.

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