

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP

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 *
KROPELNICKI MARTIN A

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)
03/15/2016

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
President & CEO

SAN JOSE, CA 95112

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2016 | | M | | 4,922 (1) | A | \$ 25.93 | 62,672 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2016 | | F | | 1,849 (2) | D | \$ 25.93 | 60,823 | 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)

| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 25.93 | 03/15/2016 | | M | 7,500 | 03/04/2012 03/04/2018 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 25.93 | 03/15/2016 | | M | 11,000 | 03/03/2013 03/03/2019 | Common Stock | 2,800 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KROPELNICKI MARTIN A 1720 NORTH FIRST ST SAN JOSE, CA 95112 | | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Michelle Mortensen on behalf of Martin A. Kropelnicki
03/17/2016

**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) SARs grant # 133 expires 3/4/2018; SARs grant # 158 expires 3/3/2019
- (2) Represents the number of shares withheld by and surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy the tax withholding obligations that arose in connection with the exercise of the Stock Appreciation Rights - option numbers 133 and 158.

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