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California Water Service Group Subsidiaries Complete Acquisitions of HOH Utilities in Hawaii, Monterey Water Company in New Mexico

SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan. 02, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) —California Water Service Group (Group) subsidiaries Hawaii Water Service (Hawaii Water) and New Mexico Water Service (New Mexico Water) have finalized transactions to acquire the assets of HOH Utilities, LLC (HOH Utilities) and Monterey Water Company (Monterey), respectively, and provide service to their customers going forward.

The purchase of HOH Utilities' wastewater system assets on Kauai marks the entry of Hawaii Water onto its fourth island. Located in the growing Poipu and Koloa area, HOH Utilities serves almost 1,800 residential, commercial, and resort customers, including three hotels, condominiums, multi-family housing, single-family homes, and a golf course. With Hawaii Public Utilities Commission approval received in July 2022, Hawaii Water now will both own and operate the wastewater system.

New Mexico Water now owns and operates the Monterey water system, which has become part of New Mexico Water's Rio Del Oro service area in Valencia County. Located less than a half-mile from the Rio Del Oro water system, Monterey served 380 residential customers. About 100 undeveloped lots could also be served in the future upon development. The purchase was approved by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission in June 2023.

"We look forward to beginning operations on Kauai and expanding service in New Mexico, and are focused on providing excellent service to our customers while protecting the environment around us," said Martin A. Kropelnicki, Group Chairman and CEO. "We appreciate the partnership of HOH Utilities and Monterey Water Company to complete these acquisitions and their trust in us to support their customers and communities."

In addition to its new Kauai customers, Hawaii Water currently provides water, wastewater, and/or recycled water utility services to about 6,200 customers, including a number of large resorts and condominium complexes, on Maui, Oahu, and the Big Island. Beyond its Monterey customers, New Mexico Water serves 10,700 water and wastewater connections throughout the Land of Enchantment. Both utilities intend to continue investing in local infrastructure to keep service reliable for their communities and protect the environment.

About California Water Service Group

California Water Service Group is the largest regulated water utility in the western United States. It provides high-quality, reliable water and/or wastewater services to more than 2 million people in California, Hawaii, New Mexico, Washington, and Texas through its regulated subsidiaries, California Water Service, Hawaii Water Service, New Mexico Water

Service, and Washington Water Service, and its utility holding company, Texas Water Service.

What sets Group apart is its commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its customers, communities, employees, and stockholders. Guided daily by their promise to provide quality, service, and value, Group's 1,200+ employees lead the way in working to protect the planet, care for people, and operate with the utmost integrity. Integral to Group's strategy is investing responsibly in water and wastewater infrastructure, sustainability initiatives, and community well-being. The company has been named one of "America's Most Responsible Companies" and the "World's Most Trustworthy Companies" by *Newsweek* and a Great Place to Work®. More information is available at www.calwatergroup.com.

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