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Cal Water Launches College Scholarship Program

Open to Students in Cal Water Service Areas, Applications Now Being Accepted

SAN JOSE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 08/13/14 -- Focused on its commitment to improving the quality of life in the communities it serves, California Water Service Company (Cal Water) has launched a scholarship program for students in its service areas pursuing higher education. Cal Water, the largest subsidiary of California Water Service Group (NYSE: CWT), is now accepting applications for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Scholarships totaling up to \$120,000 are available to eligible students for the 2014-2015 school years. Two top scholarships of \$10,000 each will be awarded to students who demonstrate financial need, with one scholarship based on academic achievement and the other based on community service. Other scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 will also be awarded to students, depending on financial need, academic achievement, and community involvement.

The scholarship program, which is being funded by Cal Water's shareholders, not ratepayers, will be administered by Scholarship Management Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

To be eligible for a scholarship, students must live in a Cal Water service area, plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college or vocational-technical school, and not already possess a degree or diploma from an accredited two- or four-year college or vocational-technical school.

"Our commitment to our customers doesn't end at the tap; we are also committed to improving the quality of life in our communities," said President and CEO Martin A. Kropelnicki. "This scholarship program is just one way we can make a difference in our customers and their families' lives."

To learn more about the scholarship program or to apply, visit www.calwater.com/community/scholarship. The deadline to apply for this scholarship period is Sept. 15, 2014.

Cal Water serves about 2 million people through 473,100 service connections in California. The company has provided water service in the state since 1926. Additional information may be obtained online at www.calwater.com.