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# Cal Water Announces Retirements of Ferraro & Rossi

SAN JOSE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 12/09/15 -- California Water Service Group (NYSE: CWT) today announced the retirement of Francis S. (Stan) Ferraro, Vice President of Corporate Development, effective January 31, 2016, and Michael J. Rossi, Vice President of Continuous Improvement, effective March 31, 2016.

Ferraro joined the company as an officer in 1989 after serving as an Administrative Law Judge at the California Public Utilities Commission. During his tenure, Ferraro has been responsible for regulatory affairs, government relations, corporate communications, and business development. Ferraro has also served as a Director of the California Water Association for more than 26 years.

Rossi began his career at Cal Water in 1977 as a junior civil engineer. He has also held many positions during his 39-year career, including Chief Engineer and Vice President of Engineering and Water Quality. He currently oversees the company's Continuous Improvement Program, which involves every employee in improving service and efficiency.

"Stan and Mike have been great assets to our officer team. Their long and distinguished careers are examples of dedication and commitment so integral to our success at Cal Water. We wish them the best as they each look forward to a well-deserved retirement," said President and Chief Executive Officer Martin A. Kropelnicki.

California Water Service Group is the parent company of California Water Service, Washington Water Service Company, New Mexico Water Service Company, Hawaii Water Service Company, Inc., CWS Utility Services, and HWS Utility Services. Together these companies provide regulated and non-regulated water service to more than 2 million people in 100 California, Washington, New Mexico and Hawaii communities. Group's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CWT." Additional information is available at our web site at [www.calwatergroup.com](http://www.calwatergroup.com).

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changes in regulatory commissions' policies and procedures; the timeliness of regulatory commissions' actions concerning rate relief; new legislation; electric power interruptions; increases in suppliers' prices and the availability of supplies including water and power; fluctuations in interest rates; changes in environmental compliance and water quality requirements; acquisitions and our ability to successfully integrate acquired companies; the ability to successfully implement business plans; changes in customer water use patterns; the impact of weather on water sales and operating results; access to sufficient capital on satisfactory terms; civil disturbances or terrorist threats or acts, or apprehension about the possible future occurrences of acts of this type; the involvement of the United States in war or other hostilities; restrictive covenants in or changes to the credit ratings on our current or future debt that could increase our financing costs or affect our ability to borrow, make payments on debt or pay dividends; and, other risks and unforeseen events. When considering forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the cautionary statements included in this paragraph, as well as the annual 10-K, Quarterly 10-Q, and other reports filed from time-to-time with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Company assumes no obligation to provide public updates of forward-looking statements.