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Hawaii Water Service Completes Purchase of Kapalua Water Company and Kapalua Waste Treatment Company

WAIKOLOA, Hawaii, May 03, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- California Water Service Group (Group) (NYSE: CWT) subsidiary Hawaii Water Service (Hawaii Water) has completed the acquisition of Kapalua Water Company and Kapalua Waste Treatment Company from Maui Land & Pineapple Company (MLP). Hawaii Water will now begin providing water and wastewater service to ML&P's 1,000 customer connections in the Kapalua, Maui resort area.

Kapalua's water and wastewater utilities serve homes, hotels, condominiums, golf courses, restaurants, and other resort amenities in West Maui. Hawaii Water will invest in the water and wastewater system infrastructure to keep service reliable for customers' everyday and emergency needs, and is committed to providing safe, high-quality water and excellent customer service to local residents, businesses, and visitors. Hawaii Water will also serve expansion areas of Kapalua as they are developed by MLP.

"We are pleased to welcome Kapalua customers to Hawaii Water, and look forward to delivering the same quality, service, and value that all of our customers on the islands have come to expect and deserve," said Martin A. Kropelnicki, Group President and CEO. "Furthermore, we thank Maui Land & Pineapple Company for its confidence in our expertise and commitment to taking care of its customers."

"We have enjoyed serving Kapalua water and wastewater customers over these past decades, and we want to assure our customers that they are in excellent hands with Hawaii Water," said Warren Haruki, Chairman & CEO of MLP. "We remain committed to the Kapalua community and look forward to working with Hawaii Water in providing high-quality water service as the community continues to grow."

Hawaii Water is a wholly owned subsidiary of California Water Service Group, which also includes California Water Service, New Mexico Water Service, and Washington Water Service. Together, these companies provide regulated water and wastewater utility service to more than 2 million people in over 100 California, Hawaii, New Mexico, and Washington communities. Group's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CWT." Additional information is available online at www.calwatergroup.com.

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