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California Water Service Group Announces Election of Lester A. Snow to Board of Directors

SAN JOSE, CA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 02/23/11 -- Today California Water Service Group (NYSE: CWT) announced the election of Lester A. Snow, 59, to the company's Board of Directors, effective March 1, 2011.

Snow has enjoyed an illustrious career in natural resource management and brings more than 30 years of experience to the position. He has served as Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency, Director of the California Department of Water Resources, Regional Director of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Executive Director of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, and General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority.

"Mr. Snow has a well-earned reputation for his expertise in water resource management, and has a track record of implementing innovative programs to achieve balanced and sustainable natural resource stewardship. Being a responsible environmental steward is of utmost importance to our company, and I believe Mr. Snow is uniquely qualified in this area," said Chairman Robert W. Foy.

Snow currently serves as a consultant, providing policy, planning, and communication guidance to select clients. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Water Resources Administration from the University of Arizona and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Earth Sciences from Pennsylvania State University, University Park.

"We look forward to having Mr. Snow join us. We know he will be a real asset to our Board," Foy said.

California Water Service Group is the parent company of California Water Service Company, Washington Water Service Company, New Mexico Water Service Company, Hawaii Water Service Company, Inc., CWS Utility Services, and HWS Utility Services, LLC. Together these companies provide regulated and non-regulated water service to approximately 2 million people in more than 100 California, Washington, New Mexico and Hawaii communities. Group's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CWT."

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