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California Water Service Group Opens 2016 Scholarship Cycle for Students in California, Hawaii, and Washington Subsidiaries

SAN JOSE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 04/18/16 -- California Water Service Group (NYSE: CWT) is now accepting applications from eligible students seeking higher education for the company's 2016 scholarship cycle. In total, \$60,000 in college scholarships will be awarded for the 2016-2017 school year, with two top scholarship prizes of \$10,000 each.

Scholarship recipients will be determined by academic achievement, community service, and financial need. The scholarship program, which is funded by California Water Service Group shareholders -- not ratepayers -- as part of the company's Cal Water Cares program, is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

To be eligible for a scholarship, students or their parents must live in a California Water Service, Hawaii Water Service Company, or Washington Water Service Company 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.

"At Cal Water, we believe one of the most important investments we can make, outside of our water systems, is in our children, who are the future leaders of our communities, companies, and country," said President and CEO Martin A. Kropelnicki. "We are pleased to help these young people realize their dreams of higher education and better the world around them."

California students interested in learning more about the scholarship program or applying should visit www.calwater.com/community/scholarship. Hawaii students may visit www.hawaiiwaterservice.com/community, and Washington students should go to www.wawater.com/community. The deadline to apply for this scholarship period is June 1, 2016.

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." Additional information is available online at www.calwatergroup.com.