

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): **January 31, 2018**

**CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-13883**  
(Commission file number)

**77-0448994**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**1720 North First Street**  
**San Jose, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**95112**  
(Zip Code)

**(408) 367-8200**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On January 31, 2018, California Water Service Group issued a press release (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference) announcing the declaration of a quarterly dividend of \$0.1875 per common share payable on February 23, 2018, to stockholders of record on February 12, 2018.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

We hereby furnish the following exhibit with this report:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release issued January 31, 2018</a>

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP**

Date: January 31, 2018

By: /s/ Thomas F. Smegal  
Name: Thomas F. Smegal  
Title: Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer





# NEWS RELEASE

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP



1720 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95112-4598

January 31, 2018  
For Immediate Release

Contact: Tom Smegal (408) 367-8200 (analysts)  
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**CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
DECLARES 292ND CONSECUTIVE QUARTERLY DIVIDEND  
AND 51ST CONSECUTIVE ANNUAL DIVIDEND INCREASE**

SAN JOSE, Calif. — At its meeting today, the California Water Service Group (NYSE: CWT) Board of Directors declared the company's 292<sup>nd</sup> consecutive quarterly dividend, increasing the annual dividend from \$0.72 to \$0.75. This represents the company's 51<sup>st</sup> consecutive annual dividend increase. The quarterly dividend of \$0.1875 per common share will be payable on February 23, 2018, to stockholders of record on February 12, 2018.

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

*This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("Act"). The forward-looking statements are intended to qualify under provisions of the federal securities laws for "safe harbor" treatment established by the Act. Forward-looking statements are based on currently available information, expectations, estimates, assumptions and projections, and management's judgment about the Company, the water utility industry and general economic conditions. Such words as would, expects, intends, plans, believes, estimates, assumes, anticipates, projects, predicts, forecasts or variations of such words or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. They are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Actual results may vary materially from what is contained in a forward-looking statement. Factors that may cause a result different than expected or anticipated include, but are not limited to: governmental and regulatory commissions' decisions; consequences of eminent domain actions relating to our water systems; changes in regulatory commissions' policies and procedures; the timeliness of regulatory commissions' actions concerning rate relief; inability to renew leases to operate city water systems on beneficial terms; changes in California State Water Resources Control Board water quality standards; changes in environmental compliance and water quality requirements; electric power interruptions; housing and customer growth trends; the impact of opposition to rate increases; our ability to recover costs; availability of water supplies; issues with the implementation, maintenance or security of our information technology systems; changes in customer water use patterns and the effects of conservation; the impact of weather, climate, natural disasters and diseases on water quality, water availability, water sales and operating results; civil disturbances or terrorist threats or acts, or apprehension about the possible future occurrences of acts of this type; labor relations matters as we negotiate with the unions; 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.*

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