
**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): **November 20, 2019**

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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Shares, par value \$0.01	CWT	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined by 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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On November 20, 2019, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of California Water Service Group (the “Company”) voted to elect Patricia K. Wagner and Scott L. Morris, to the Board, effective November 20, 2019.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Wagner or Mr. Morris and any other person pursuant to which Ms. Wagner or Mr. Morris were selected as directors. There is no information that is required to be disclosed with respect to Ms. Wagner or Mr. Morris pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

On November 20, 2019, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Ms. Wagner and Mr. Morris to the Board. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this Item 5.02 by this reference.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 20, 2019, the Board voted to increase the size of the Board from nine to eleven directors, effective November 20, 2019.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

We hereby furnish the following exhibits, which shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, with this report.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued November 20, 2019
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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: November 20, 2019

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



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November 20, 2019
For immediate release

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF MORRIS AND WAGNER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

San Jose, Calif. — California Water Service Group (Group) (NYSE: CWT) today announced the election of Scott L. Morris, 60, and Patricia K. (Patti) Wagner, 57, to the Company's Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2020.

Morris currently serves as Executive Chairman of Avista Corporation, an energy company in the Pacific Northwest, a post he assumed following his retirement as Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer in September of this year.

Prior to her retirement in July 2019, Wagner served as Sempra Energy's Group President of U.S. Utilities, following her tenure as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Southern California Gas Company, one of the largest natural gas utilities in the country.

According to Chairman Peter C. Nelson, each brings valuable experience and expertise to the team.

"Scott demonstrated his entrepreneurship and business acumen by taking the reins during a difficult time for Avista and helping to make it the strong, diverse utility it is today. Patti is immensely knowledgeable about regulated utility operations, having led numerous functions at Sempra and its subsidiaries during her 25-year career," Nelson said.

During Morris' tenure as CEO at Avista, the energy company added wind and solar power to its supply mix, expanded into Alaska, and increased its dividend every year. The Spokane, Wash. native is a current member and immediate past chairman of the Board of Trustees for his alma mater Gonzaga University and serves on the board of McKinstry Co, LLC.

After joining the Sempra family of companies in 1995, Wagner held a range of leadership positions. Prior to being named Sempra's Group President, U.S. Utilities, she served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Southern California Gas Company and President, Chief Executive Officer, and board director of Sempra U.S. Gas & Power, LLC. Early roles included vice president of operational excellence and vice president of information technology for Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company, vice president of accounting and finance for Southern California Gas Company and vice president of audit services for Sempra energy. She currently serves on the board of Apogee Enterprises, Inc.

"I could not be more pleased with our two new directors. I know they will have invaluable insight and expertise, and I look forward to welcoming them to our Board," said President and Chief Executive Officer Martin A. Kropelnicki.

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About California Water Service Group

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.

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: ability to invest or apply the proceeds from the issuance of common stock in an accretive manner; governmental and regulatory commissions' decisions, including decisions on proper disposition of property; 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 and other actions; increased risk of inverse condemnation losses as a result of climate conditions; inability to renew leases to operate water systems owned by others on beneficial terms; changes in California State Water Resources Control Board water quality requirements; changes in environmental compliance and water quality standards; electric power interruptions, especially as a result of Public Safety Power Shutoff programs for the 2019 fire season as we further develop approaches to manage that risk; 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; civil disturbances or terrorist threats or acts; the adequacy of our efforts to mitigate physical and cyber security risks and threats; the ability of our enterprise risk management processes to identify or address risks adequately; labor relations matters as we negotiate with unions; 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, and the adequacy of our emergency preparedness; 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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