

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 MCFARLANE CHRISTINE L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP [cwt]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/04/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

C/O CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP, 1720 NORTH FIRST STREET  
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN JOSE, CA 95112  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
California Water Service Group	01/04/2006		A		325	A	\$ 38.51
California Water Service Group					2,375.482	I	401-K

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 38.51	01/04/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>	2,500	02/04/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/04/2016	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCFARLANE CHRISTINE L C/O CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP 1720 NORTH FIRST STREET SAN JOSE, CA 95112			Vice President	

## Signatures

Dan L. Stockton for Christine L. McFarlane 05/11/2006

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Issued pursuant to the Company's Equity Incentive Plan. Rights were granted on 1/4/06 with a strike price of \$38.51 and subject to vesting at 1/48 per month over a four year period.

(2) Vests 1/48 per month beginning in 2/4/06 over a four year period

(3) Also holds 3,000 shares in stock options previously reported.

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