

NELSON PETER C  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 NELSON PETER C

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)  
 2155 PROSPECT STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/06/2008

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

MENLO PARK, CA 94025

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/06/2008		A		2,240	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					1,843.61	I	by 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 37.6	03/06/2008		A	13,320	04/04/2008 03/04/2018	Common Stock	13,320

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NELSON PETER C 2155 PROSPECT STREET MENLO PARK, CA 94025			President/CEO	

## Signatures

By: Martin A. Kropelnicki For: Peter Nelson  
Date: 03/06/2008

\_\_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) Restricted Stock Award granted 3/4/2008 pursuant to the California Water Service Group Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16-b-3. Subject to vesting at 1/48th per month over a four-year period.
- (2) Stock settled Stock Appreciation Right (SSAR) granted pursuant to the Company's Equity Incentive Plan on 3-4-2008 at an exercise price of \$37.60 and subject to vesting at 1/48th per month over a four year period.

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