

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GROUP

Form 8-K

September 27, 2017

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): **September 27, 2017**

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

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(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))
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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) On September 27, 2017, the Board of Directors (the Board) of California Water Service Group (the Company) voted to elect Carol M. Pottenger, to the Board, effective September 27, 2017, to fill a vacancy created by the increase in the size of the Board.

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

On September 27, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Ms. Pottenger 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 September 27, 2017, the Board voted to increase the size of the Board from nine to ten directors, effective September 27, 2017.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

We hereby furnish the following exhibit with this report:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | <u>Press Release issued September 27, 2017</u> |

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: September 27, 2017

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