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This filing contains the following documents issued by California Water Service Group (California Water) on June 11, 2018 in relation to California Water s all-cash proposal to acquire SJW:

- A template for letters being sent by Justin Skarb, Director of Community Affairs and Government Relations of California Water, to San Jose community organizations (the Letter); and
- Screenshots of three web pages that the Letter provides links to.

Forward-Looking Statements

This filing and the following documents contain 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 California Water, 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: the failure to consummate the proposed transaction with SJW upon the terms set forth in California Water s Acquisition Proposal; governmental and regulatory commissions decisions; changes in regulatory commissions policies and procedures; the timeliness of regulatory commissions actions concerning rate relief; changes in environmental compliance and water quality requirements; electric power interruptions; changes in customer water use patterns and the effects of conservation; the impact of weather and climate on 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 our Annual 10-K, Quarterly 10-Q, and other reports filed from time-to-time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. California Water assumes no obligation to provide public updates of forward-looking statements except to the extent required by law.

Important Additional Information

On May 31, 2018, California Water filed a definitive proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Definitive Proxy Statement) to solicit proxies in opposition to resolutions related to the pending merger between SJW and Connecticut Water Service, Inc. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. All such documents, if filed, would be available free of charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission s website (www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to Innisfree M&A Incorporated at (888) 750-5834 (banks and brokers call collect at (212) 750-5833).

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California Water, its directors and certain of its officers and employees may be deemed to be participants in any solicitation of SJW stockholders in connection with the proposed transaction between California Water and SJW. Information about such participants, and a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is included in the Definitive Proxy Statement.

Date: June 11, 2018

From: Justin Skarb

To: [Community Organizations in Greater San Jose Area]

Subject: Introduction to California Water Service

Good afternoon, [FirstName]. I hope this note finds you well.

As you may know, California Water Service (California Water) has made a common-sense proposal [<http://www.sjwvalue.com/wp-content/uploads/Overview-of-the-proposed-combination.pdf>] to combine with San Jose Water. We understand and appreciate that some community organizations, like yours, may be wondering about how our common-sense proposal will affect them and their existing partnerships with San Jose Water.

I would like to take this opportunity to affirm California Water's commitment to the communities we serve, and to assure you that we will continue this same commitment in the greater San Jose area. California Water has a proven track record [<http://www.sjwvalue.com/wp-content/uploads/2015-2016-Corporate-Citizen-Report.pdf>] of supporting organizations in the communities we have the privilege of serving. Examples include:

- In 2017 alone, California Water contributed to over 320 local community organizations. [<https://www.calwater.com/community/charitable-contributions/>].
- California Water is one of the only water utilities in California with a dedicated college scholarship program [https://www.calwater.com/latest_news/2018-0509-scholarship/] for students residing in its service areas.
- California Water is one of the only water utilities in California with a grant program for our customers [https://www.calwater.com/latest_news/cal-water-launches-customer-hardship-grant-program/] who are facing economic or other hardships.

In addition to all of this, our employees regularly volunteer in the communities we serve.

As part of our common-sense combination with San Jose Water, you can expect our focus on improving the quality of life in our communities to extend to the greater San Jose area and the organizations that serve its residents. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your organization in the years ahead.

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If you have any questions about California Water, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Justin
