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SJW CORP.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

To Be Held On May 6, 2009

To Our Shareholders:

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of shareholders of SJW Corp. will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 10:00 AM Pacific Time at the principal offices of SJW Corp., 110 West Taylor Street, San Jose, California, for the following purposes, as more fully described in the proxy statement accompanying this Notice:

1. To elect ten directors to serve on the Board of Directors of SJW Corp.;
2. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of SJW Corp. for fiscal year 2009; and
3. To act upon such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The Board of Directors has set the close of business on Monday, March 9, 2009 as the record date for determining the shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. You may call our offices at (408) 918-7231 for directions to our principal offices in order to attend the meeting in person. Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please vote as soon as possible. You may vote by telephone, via the Internet or by mailing a completed proxy card. For detailed information regarding voting instructions, please refer to the section entitled "Voting Procedure" on page 2 of the proxy statement. You may revoke a previously delivered proxy at any time prior to the meeting. If you attend the meeting and wish to change your proxy vote, you may do so automatically by voting in person.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2009: A COPY OF THE PROXY STATEMENT, THE FORM OF PROXY, AND THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON DECEMBER 31, 2008 ARE AVAILABLE AT https://www.sendd.com/EZProxy/?project_id=144.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

W. Richard Roth
President and Chief Executive Officer

San Jose, California

March 11, 2009

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SJW CORP.

110 West Taylor Street

San Jose, California 95110

Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

To Be Held on May 6, 2009

The enclosed proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of SJW Corp., a California corporation (SJW Corp. or the Corporation), for use at SJW Corp. s annual meeting of shareholders to be held on May 6, 2009 at 10:00 AM Pacific Time and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. The annual meeting will be held at the principal offices of the Corporation, 110 West Taylor Street in San Jose, California.

These proxy solicitation materials are being mailed on or about March 27, 2009 to all shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting of shareholders. SJW Corp. s 2008 Annual Report, which includes its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, accompanies these proxy solicitation materials.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The Board of Directors has called the annual meeting of shareholders for the following purposes:

1. To elect ten directors to serve on the Board of Directors of SJW Corp.;
 2. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of SJW Corp. for fiscal year 2009; and
 3. To act upon such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.
- The Board of Directors asks for your proxy for each of the foregoing proposals.

VOTING RIGHTS AND SOLICITATION

Voting

Only shareholders of record on March 9, 2009, the record date, will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting. As of the close of business on March 9, 2009 there were 18,475,597 shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote on each matter presented at the meeting, except in connection with the election of directors where shareholders are entitled to cumulate votes. When shareholders are entitled to cumulate votes, every shareholder, or his or her proxy, may cumulate his or her votes and give one candidate a number of votes equal to the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of shares owned by such shareholder. Alternately, a shareholder may distribute his or her votes on the same principle among as many candidates as he or she thinks fit. For example, assume you have 100 shares. There are ten directors to be elected at the annual meeting so you have a total of $10 \times 100 = 1,000$ votes. You could give all 1,000 votes to one nominee, or 500 votes to each of two nominees, or 100 votes to each of ten nominees. No shareholder or proxy, however, shall be entitled to cumulate votes unless: (1) the candidate(s) has been placed in nomination prior to the voting; and (2) the shareholder has given written notice at the meeting prior to any voting that the shareholder intends to cumulate the shareholder s votes. If any one shareholder has given such notice, all shareholders may cumulate their votes for candidates in nomination. The Board of Directors seeks, by your proxy, the authority to cumulate votes among the directors listed in Proposal 1 in the manner determined by the proxy holder in his or her discretion in the event that any shareholder invokes cumulative voting. The ten nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected directors.

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Quorum and Votes Required

A majority of the Corporation's outstanding shares of common stock must be present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting in order to constitute a quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes (shares held of record by brokers for which the required voting instructions are not provided by the beneficial owners of those shares) are included in the number of shares present for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present for the transaction of business.

In the election of directors, the ten director nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes will be elected (Proposal 1).

The ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal 2) requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy and voting at the annual meeting, provided that such affirmative vote must also equal at least a majority of the shares required to constitute a quorum. For purposes of Proposal 2, abstentions and broker non-votes can have the effect of preventing approval of the proposal where the number of affirmative votes, although a majority of the votes cast, does not constitute a majority of the required quorum.

Voting Procedure

Shareholders of record may vote via the Internet, by telephone, by mailing a completed proxy card prior to the annual meeting, by delivering a completed proxy card at the annual meeting, or by voting in person at the annual meeting. Instructions for voting via the Internet or by telephone are set forth on the enclosed proxy card. The Internet and telephone voting facilities will close at 11:59 PM Eastern Time on May 5, 2009. If the enclosed form of proxy is properly signed, dated and returned, the shares represented thereby will be voted at the annual meeting in accordance with the instructions specified thereon. If voting instructions are not specified on the proxy, the shares represented by that proxy (if that proxy is not revoked) will be voted at the annual meeting FOR the election of the director nominees listed in Proposal 1 and FOR the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm as described in Proposal 2 and as the proxy holder may determine in his or her discretion with respect to any other matter that properly comes before the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY CARD WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON.

You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is actually voted at the meeting by:

Delivering written notice of revocation to the Corporate Secretary at SJW Corp., 110 West Taylor Street, San Jose, California 95110;

Submitting a later dated proxy; or

Attending the meeting and voting in person.

Your attendance at the meeting will not, by itself, constitute a revocation of your proxy.

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You may also be represented by another person present at the meeting by executing a form of proxy designating that person to act on your behalf. Shares may only be voted by or on behalf of the record holder of shares as indicated in the stock transfer records of the Corporation. If you are a beneficial owner of shares, but those shares are held of record by another person such as a stock brokerage firm or bank, then you must provide voting instructions to the appropriate record holder so that such person can vote those shares. In the absence of such voting instructions from you, the record holder may not be entitled to vote those shares.

Proxy Solicitation Costs

The Corporation will bear the entire cost of this solicitation of proxies, including the preparation, assembly, printing, and mailing of this proxy statement, the proxy, and any additional solicitation materials that the Corporation may provide to shareholders. Copies of solicitation materials will be provided to brokerage firms, fiduciaries and custodians holding shares in their names that are beneficially owned by others so that they may forward the solicitation material to such beneficial owners. The Corporation will reimburse the brokerage firms, fiduciaries and custodians holding shares in their names for reasonable expenses incurred by them in sending solicitation materials to its beneficial shareholders. The solicitation of proxies will be made by regular or commercial mail and may also be made by telephone, telegraph, facsimile or personally by directors, officers and employees of the Corporation who will receive no extra compensation for such services.

PROPOSAL 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

General

Ten directors, which will constitute the entire Board of Directors following the annual meeting, are to be elected at the annual meeting, to hold office until the next annual meeting and until a successor for such director is elected and qualified, or until the death, resignation or removal of such director.

Unless individual shareholders specify otherwise, each returned proxy will be voted FOR the election of the ten nominees who are listed below, each of whom has been nominated by the existing Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Nominating & Governance Committee. Mr. George E. Moss was recommended as a nominee by Robert A. Van Valer, a non-management director and Ms. Katharine Armstrong was recommended as a nominee by W. Richard Roth. All other nominees are current directors of SJW Corp., San Jose Water Company, a wholly owned subsidiary, and SJW Land Company, a wholly owned subsidiary. SJW Corp. intends to appoint all persons elected as directors of SJW Corp. at the annual meeting to be the directors of San Jose Water Company and SJW Land Company for a concurrent term. It is anticipated that five of the individuals elected as directors of SJW Corp. at the annual meeting will also be appointed as directors of SJWTX, Inc. and Texas Water Alliance Limited, two wholly owned subsidiaries of the Corporation, for a concurrent term.

In the unanticipated event that a nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the annual meeting, proxies will be voted for any nominee named by the present Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. As of the date of this proxy statement, SJW Corp. is not aware of any nominee who is unable or will decline to serve as a director.

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The following sets forth certain information concerning the nominees for directors of SJW Corp.:

Name	Age	Director Since	Position with the Corporation	Committee Membership
Katharine Armstrong	56	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mark L. Cali	43	1992	Director	Executive Compensation Committee (Chair) Nominating & Governance Committee
J. Philip DiNapoli	69	1989	Director	Audit Committee Real Estate Committee (Chair)
Douglas R. King	66	2003	Director	Audit Committee (Chair) Executive Compensation Committee
Norman Y. Mineta	77	2008	Director	Nominating & Governance Committee
George E. Moss	77	N/A	N/A	N/A
W. Richard Roth	56	1994	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	Real Estate Committee
Charles J. Toeniskoetter	64	1991	Director	Nominating & Governance Committee Real Estate Committee
Frederick R. Ulrich, Jr.	65	2001	Director	Audit Committee Executive Compensation Committee
Robert A. Van Valer	59	2006	Director	Nominating & Governance Committee (Chair)

Business Experience of Nominees

Katharine Armstrong, President of Natural Resources Solutions (NRS) since 2008 and President of Katharine Armstrong, Inc. (KAI) since 2004. Ms. Armstrong founded NRS in 2008, an Austin, Texas based company that works in partnership with universities, agencies of state and federal government, stakeholder groups and others to identify and implement positive solutions to environmental challenges created by regulatory mandates. Ms. Armstrong founded KAI in 2004, an Austin, Texas based firm specializing in statewide and national projects involving public affairs and legislative, agency and grassroots projects. KAI's primary focus and efforts have been directed at solving complex environmental and natural resource issues at every level of the private, public and not for profit sectors.

Mark L. Cali, Attorney at Law, a Court Attorney for the Superior Court of California, County of San Luis Obispo since 2006. Prior to becoming a Court Attorney, Mr. Cali was a principal with the firm Clark, Cali and Negranti LLP from 1996 until 2006. Mr. Cali holds a California Real Estate Broker's license and is Director and Vice-President of Arioto-Cali Properties and Winchester Ranch, Inc.

J. Philip DiNapoli, Attorney at Law and President of JP DiNapoli Companies Inc. (real estate development and investment company). Mr. DiNapoli currently serves as a director of Focus Business Bank. He is former Chairman of Comerica California Inc. and served as a director of Comerica, Inc. (bank holding company) until 2006. Mr. DiNapoli also served as Chairman of Citation Insurance Company (workers compensation specialty carrier) until 1996.

Douglas R. King, Retired as an audit partner of Ernst & Young, LLP in 2002. During his career, Mr. King was the audit partner on large, complex public registrants and managed Ernst & Young's San Francisco office as

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well as regional managing responsibilities. He also serves as a director of Fuel Systems Solutions, Inc., Adaptive Spectrum and Signal Alignment, and Rackable Systems, Inc. Mr. King is a Certified Public Accountant with a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas.

Norman Y. Mineta, Vice Chairman of Hill & Knowlton, a worldwide public relations and public affairs consultancy, since July 2006. Secretary Mineta also serves as a director of AECOM Technology Corporation and Horizon Lines, Inc. He served as the Secretary of Transportation from January 2001 until July 2006. In 2000, Secretary Mineta was appointed as the United States Secretary of Commerce, and he served until 2001. For almost 30 years, he represented San Jose, California, first on the City Council, then as Mayor, and then as Member of Congress from 1975 to 1995.

George E. Moss, Vice Chairman of the Board of Roscoe Moss Manufacturing Company (manufacturer of water well casing and screen and water transmission pipe) since 1984. Mr. Moss was formerly President of the Roscoe Moss Company (holding company) until 1984. Mr. Moss has been a Board member of SJWTX, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation, since 2005. Mr. Moss was a Board member of the Corporation from 1985 until April 30, 2008.

W. Richard Roth, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, San Jose Water Company, SJW Land Company, SJWTX, Inc. and Texas Water Alliance Limited. Mr. Roth was appointed Chief Executive Officer of SJW Corp. in 1999 and President in 1996. Prior to becoming President, he was Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Corporation from 1990 to 1996 and Vice President from April 1992 until October 1996.

Charles J. Toeniskoetter, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Toeniskoetter & Breeding, Inc. Development (a real estate development, investment, and property management company) since 1983. He also serves as a director of Redwood Trust, Inc. (real estate investment trust) and Heritage Commerce Corp. (bank holding company).

Frederick R. Ulrich, Jr., Retired. Mr. Ulrich graduated from West Point and the Harvard Business School. From 1972 through 1982, he was a member of the corporate finance departments of Morgan Stanley & Co. and Warburg Paribas Becker. From 1982 through 2001, Mr. Ulrich was a consultant to corporations regarding mergers and acquisitions and an equity investor in leveraged buyouts.

Robert A. Van Valer, President of Roscoe Moss Manufacturing Company (manufacturer of water well casing and screen and water transmission pipe) since 1990. Mr. Van Valer served as Vice President from 1984 until 1990 and previously managed domestic and international water well construction projects since joining Roscoe Moss Manufacturing Company in 1977.

No nominee or current director has any family relationship with any other current director, nominee or with any executive officer. Other than Mr. Roth, whose employment relationships with SJW Corp. and its subsidiaries are described above, no nominee is or has been employed by SJW Corp. or its subsidiaries during the past five years.

Independent Directors

The Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that each of its current directors, other than W. Richard Roth, SJW Corp.'s Chief Executive Officer and President, is independent within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange director independence standards, as currently in effect. The Board of Directors also determined that George E. Moss and Katharine Armstrong will be independent, if elected.

In connection with its determination of independence for Charles J. Toeniskoetter, the Board of Directors reviewed Mr. Toeniskoetter's relationship with the Corporation through 444 West Santa Clara Street, L.P. In 1999, SJW Land Company and TBI-444 West Santa Clara Street, L.P. (TBI-444) formed 444 West Santa Clara

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Street, L.P., a California limited partnership (the Partnership). TBI-444 is the general partner with a 30 percent interest in the Partnership and SJW Land Company is a limited partner with a 70 percent interest in the Partnership. Mr. Toeniskoetter is a limited partner in TBI-444 with a 32.3 percent interest and Toeniskoetter & Breeding, Inc. Development (TBI Development) is the general partner with a 5 percent interest in TBI-444. Mr. Toeniskoetter is the Chairman and has a 51 percent interest in TBI Development. The Board of Directors has concluded that the relationship is not a material relationship and therefore does not preclude Mr. Toeniskoetter from being independent based on the following considerations. SJW Land Company's role in the Partnership is as a limited partner. SJW Land Company received its limited partnership interest in exchange for an in-kind contribution of raw land to the Partnership in connection with its formation in 1999. The Corporation's objective in forming the Partnership was to convert raw land into income producing commercial property through the skills of the principals of the general partner, including Mr. Toeniskoetter. The Corporation does not have operational control over the Partnership, is not subject to any recourse for the indebtedness of the Partnership, and is not liable for any other obligations of the Partnership. In addition, the cash distribution payments made by the Partnership to the general partner, TBI-444, an entity controlled by Mr. Toeniskoetter, are made solely out of the net income of the Partnership. These amounted to approximately \$60,000 in 2005, \$61,200 in 2006, \$71,760 in 2007, \$71,760 in 2008 and future annual payments are expected to remain consistent with the payments in 2008. In addition, TBI Development manages the office building owned by the Partnership pursuant to a property management agreement between the Partnership and TBI Development. Under this property management agreement, in 2008 the tenant in the office building paid \$37,100 of management fees to TBI Development. Such amounts were not significant to Mr. Toeniskoetter's annual personal income or his development and property management business. Consequently, the Board of Directors believes that Mr. Toeniskoetter is not subject to undue influence with respect to the Partnership, or in his capacity as a director, by the Board of Directors, or management of the Corporation.

In connection with the determination of independence for Robert A. Van Valer and George E. Moss (a nominee and former SJW Corp. Board member who served until April 30, 2008), the Board of Directors considered the Corporation's relationship with Roscoe Moss Manufacturing Company, an intermittent supplier of the Corporation and its subsidiaries and of which Mr. Moss is Vice Chairman of the Board and a significant shareholder and Mr. Van Valer is the President and a shareholder. There were no sales by Roscoe Moss Manufacturing Company to SJW Corp. in 2004 and 2005. Roscoe Moss Manufacturing Company sold water well casing and Rossum Sand Testers to San Jose Water Company, the Corporation's wholly owned subsidiary, for an aggregate price of approximately \$5,333 in 2006 and approximately \$4,139 in 2007. In addition, Roscoe Moss Manufacturing Company sold well casing and screen for an aggregate of eight water wells with an aggregate price of approximately \$397,873 in 2006, approximately \$265,865 in 2007, approximately \$380,031 in 2008 and approximately \$385,628 from January 1 to January 31, 2009, to contractors for use in San Jose Water Company well replacement construction projects. The Board of Directors concluded that the Corporation's relationship with Roscoe Moss Manufacturing Company is not a material relationship and therefore would not impair the independence of Mr. Van Valer and Mr. Moss in light of the fact that the aggregate sales of Roscoe Moss Manufacturing Company to the Corporation and contractors for use in San Jose Water Company construction projects were less than one percent of Roscoe Moss Manufacturing Company's gross revenues in 2006, 2007 and 2008, and Mr. Van Valer, Mr. Moss and the Board of Directors expect that direct and indirect purchases of products from Roscoe Moss Manufacturing Company will remain less than one percent of its revenue in future years.

The Board of Directors has determined that the members of the Audit Committee also meet the additional independence criteria promulgated by the New York Stock Exchange for audit committee membership.

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Board Committees

The Board of Directors has a standing Audit Committee, an Executive Compensation Committee, a Nominating & Governance Committee, and a Real Estate Committee. The Board of Director dissolved its Executive Committee on January 30, 2008.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee was established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in its oversight of the integrity of the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Corporation to any governmental body or the public, the Corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the Corporation's systems of internal controls, the qualifications and independence of the independent accountants, and the quality of the Corporation's accounting and financial reporting processes generally. Messrs. King, Ulrich and DiNapoli are the Audit Committee members. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. King is an audit committee financial expert as defined in Securities and Exchange Commission rules. Mr. King is independent, as independence for audit committee members is defined in the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. The Audit Committee held nine meetings during fiscal year 2008. The Audit Committee charter may be found at the Corporation's website at www.sjwater.com or may be obtained by mailing a request for a copy to the Corporation's Corporate Secretary at the Corporation's principal offices at 110 West Taylor Street, San Jose, California 95110.

Executive Committee

The Board of Directors dissolved its Executive Committee on January 30, 2008. The Executive Committee assisted the Board of Directors in its oversight of the Corporation by exercising the authority of the Board of Directors to the extent permitted by law and by the Corporation's By-Laws under those circumstances where (1) action is required at a time when it would not be practical to convene a meeting of the full Board or (2) the matter to be acted upon is sufficiently routine as to not warrant a meeting of the full Board. Messrs. Toeniskoetter, Roth and Moss were the members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee had no meetings during fiscal year 2008.

Executive Compensation Committee

The Executive Compensation Committee assists the Board of Directors in its responsibilities with respect to the compensation of the Corporation's executive officers and other key employees, and administers all employee benefit plans, including the Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan, Executive Officer Short-Term Incentive Plan and any other equity incentive plans that may be adopted by the Corporation. The Executive Compensation Committee is also authorized to approve the compensation payable to the Corporation's executive officers and other key employees, approve all perquisites, equity incentive awards and special cash payments made or paid to executive officers and other key employees, and approve severance packages with cash and/or equity components for the executive officers and other key employees. Additionally, the Executive Compensation Committee reviews and recommends to the Board of Directors appropriate director compensation programs.

The Executive Compensation Committee has engaged Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc., a national executive compensation consulting firm, to serve as the committee's independent compensation consultant. The role of such consultant, the nature and scope of its assignment and the material elements of the instructions or directions given to such consultant with respect to the performance of its duties is more fully set forth below in the section entitled "Compensation Discussion and Analysis."

Messrs. Cali, King and Ulrich are the Executive Compensation Committee members. The Executive Compensation Committee held five meetings during fiscal year 2008. The Executive Compensation Committee

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has a charter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A and may also be found at the Corporation's website at www.sjwater.com. Such charter may also be obtained by mailing a request for a copy to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation at the above address.

Nominating & Governance Committee

The Nominating & Governance Committee is charged by the Board of Directors with reviewing and proposing changes to the Corporation's corporate governance policies, developing criteria for evaluating performance of the Board of Directors, determining the requirements and qualifications for members of the Board of Directors and proposing to the Board of Directors nominees for the position of director of the Corporation. Messrs. Cali, Toeniskoetter and Van Valer, and Secretary Mineta are the Nominating & Governance Committee members. The Board of Directors has determined that all of the members of the Nominating & Governance Committee are independent as defined under the independence standards for nominating committee members in the listing standards for the New York Stock Exchange. The Nominating & Governance Committee held four meetings during fiscal year 2008. The Nominating & Governance Committee has a charter and Corporate Governance Policies, which may be found at the Corporation's website at www.sjwater.com, or may be obtained by mailing a request for a copy to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation at the above address.

On October 28, 2004, the Board of Directors approved the Policies and Procedures of the Nominating & Governance Committee for Nomination for Directors (the Policies and Procedures). Such Policies and Procedures were amended effective October 26, 2006. The Policies and Procedures specify director selection criteria for the Nominating & Governance Committee to consider, and procedures for identifying and evaluating director candidates for the Nominating & Governance Committee to follow, when executing its duty to recommend director nominees at the annual meeting of shareholders. The Policies and Procedures also specify steps a shareholder must take in order to properly recommend director candidates which the Nominating & Governance Committee will consider. All candidates for director must generally meet the criteria set forth in the Policies and Procedures, a copy of which can be found at the Corporation's website at www.sjwater.com, and can also be obtained by mailing a request for a copy to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation at the above address.

The criteria address the specific qualifications that the Nominating & Governance Committee believes must be met by each nominee prior to recommendation by the committee for a position on the Corporation's Board of Directors. In particular, the criteria address the specific qualities or skills that the Nominating & Governance Committee believes are necessary for one or more of the Corporation's directors to possess in order to fill the Board, committee chairman and other positions, and to provide the best combination of experience and knowledge on the Board and its committees. These criteria include: highest professional and personal ethical standards; absence of any interests that would materially impair his or her ability to exercise judgment or otherwise discharge the fiduciary duties; ability to contribute insight and direction to achieve the Corporation's goals; skills and expertise relative to the entire make-up of the Board; experience in effective oversight and decision-making, including experience on other boards; ability and willingness to serve a full term with consistent attendance; first-hand business experience and achievement in the industry; and independence as determined under the New York Stock Exchange and SEC rules and regulations. The Nominating & Governance Committee and the Board of Directors evaluate and update the criteria at their discretion, and compliance with some or all of the criteria alone does not confer the right to further consideration of a candidate.

The steps a shareholder must take in order to properly recommend director candidates which the Committee will consider include submission via mail to the attention of the Nominating & Governance Committee at the address of the Corporate Secretary, SJW Corp., 110 West Taylor Street, San Jose, California 95110, of a completed Shareholder Recommendation of Candidate for Director form which can be found at the Corporation's website at www.sjwater.com or may be obtained by mailing a request for a copy of the form to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation at the above address. Forms must be submitted not earlier than 210 days

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prior and not later than 120 days prior to the one-year anniversary of the date the proxy statement for the preceding annual meeting was mailed to shareholders. In addition to or in lieu of making a director candidate recommendation via the completed recommendation form, shareholders may nominate directly a person for election as a director at the annual meeting. See the section titled "Shareholder Proposals" on page 53 of this proxy statement for further information regarding shareholder nominations.

Real Estate Committee

The Real Estate Committee is charged with review of significant potential acquisitions or dispositions involving the real property interests of the Corporation and its subsidiaries and makes recommendations thereon to the Chief Executive Officer and the full Board. Messrs. Toeniskoetter, Roth and DiNapoli are the members of the Real Estate Committee. The Real Estate Committee held five meetings during fiscal year 2008.

Communications with the Board

Communications to the Board of Directors may be submitted by email to boardofdirectors@sjwater.com or by writing to SJW Corp., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 110 West Taylor Street, San Jose, California 95110. The Board of Directors relies upon the Corporate Secretary to forward written questions or comments to named directors or committees, as appropriate. General comments or inquiries from shareholders are forwarded to the appropriate individual within the Corporation, including the President or Chairman, as appropriate.

Interested parties may make their concerns known to non-management directors on a confidential and anonymous basis by calling the Corporation's toll free hotline, 1-888-883-1499.

Code of Ethical Business Conduct

The Corporation has adopted a Code of Ethical Business Conduct (the "Code") that applies to the directors, officers and employees of the Corporation. A copy of the Code can be found at the Corporation's website at www.sjwater.com or may be obtained by mailing a request for a copy to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation at the above address.

Board Meetings

During 2008, there were four regular meetings and three special meetings of the Board of Directors of SJW Corp. Each director attended or participated in 75 percent or more of the aggregate of (i) the total number of regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors and (ii) the total number of meetings held by all committees of the Board on which such director served during the 2008 fiscal year. Mr. Toeniskoetter was chosen to preside at all executive sessions of the non-management directors.

Although the Corporation does not have a formal policy regarding attendance by members of the Board of Directors at the annual meetings of shareholders, directors are encouraged to attend such meetings. All of the directors of SJW Corp. attended the 2008 annual meeting of shareholders.

Table of Contents**Compensation of Directors**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the compensation of each non-employee member of the Board of Directors of SJW Corp. for the 2008 fiscal year.

Name	Fees	Stock	Option	Non-Equity	Change in	All Other	Total (\$)
	Earned or Paid in	Awards	Awards	Incentive Plan Compensation	Pension Value and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings	Compensation	
(a)	Cash \$(1)	\$(2)	(\$)	(\$)	(f)	(\$)	(h)
	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)		(g)	
Mark L. Cali	\$ 90,500						\$ 90,500
J. Philip DiNapoli	\$ 95,000						\$ 95,000
Douglas R. King	\$ 106,750				\$ 12,000(3)		\$ 118,750
Norman Y. Mineta	\$ 56,000						\$ 56,000
George E. Moss							
Charles J. Toeniskoetter	\$ 150,500						\$ 150,500
Frederick R. Ulrich, Jr.	\$ 90,000				\$ 18,000(3)		\$ 108,000
Robert A. Van Valer	\$ 91,500						\$ 91,500

- (1) Consists of the annual retainer and meeting fees for service as members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, San Jose Water Company, SJW Land Company, and SJWTX, Inc. For further information concerning such fees, see the sections below entitled Director Annual Retainer and Director Meeting Fees. Mr. Moss waived his retainer and meetings fees for the 2008 fiscal year. He retired from the SJW Corp., San Jose Water Company and SJW Land Company Boards on April 30, 2008 and remained on the Board of SJWTX, Inc. Mr. Moss is a nominee for director of SJW Corp. under Proposal 1. In the event Mr. Moss is elected as a director of SJW Corp. at the annual meeting, SJW Corp. will appoint him to the San Jose Water Company Board and SJW Land Company Board for a concurrent term.

Name	2008 Retainer	2008 Meeting Fees	Total Annual Service Fees
Mark L. Cali	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,500	\$ 90,500
J. Philip DiNapoli	\$ 60,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 95,000
Douglas R. King	\$ 60,000	\$ 46,750	\$ 106,750
Norman Y. Mineta	\$ 40,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 56,000
George E. Moss			
Charles J. Toeniskoetter	\$ 115,000	\$ 35,500	\$ 150,500
Frederick R. Ulrich, Jr.	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 90,000
Robert A. Van Valer	\$ 65,000	\$ 26,500	\$ 91,500

- (2) As of December 31, 2008, the following non-employee directors held deferred stock awards covering the following number of shares of SJW Corp's common stock: Mr. Cali, 20,945 shares; Mr. DiNapoli, 27,730 shares; Mr. King, 7,205 shares; Secretary Mineta, 0 shares; Mr. Moss, 0 shares; Mr. Toeniskoetter, 20,945 shares; Mr. Ulrich, 0 shares; and Mr. Van Valer, 2,102 shares. The deferred shares are attributable to each director's participation in the Deferral Election Program and/or the Deferred Restricted Stock Program in effect under the Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan. For further information concerning the Deferral Election Program and the Deferred Restricted Stock Program, see the section below entitled Long-Term Incentive Plan. The deferred shares also contain dividend equivalent rights pursuant to which the phantom dividends accumulated on those shares are converted annually into additional deferred shares. For further information concerning such dividend equivalent rights, see the section below entitled Dividend Equivalent Rights. Such dividend equivalent rights were factored into the grant date value of the deferred shares determined for financial accounting purposes under SFAS 123(R). Pursuant to those dividend equivalent rights, the following additional deferred shares were credited to the directors on January 2, 2009: Mr. Cali was credited with 480 shares; Mr. DiNapoli was credited with 634 shares; Mr. King was credited with 164

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shares; Mr. Toeniskoetter was credited with 480 shares; and Mr. Van Valer was credited with 47 shares. At the time of such credit, the fair market value per share of the Corporation's common stock was \$29.41.

- (3) Attributable to their participation in the Director Pension Plan. For further information concerning this plan, see the section below entitled Director Pension Plan.

Director Annual Retainer

The following table sets forth the 2008 annual retainer fees for the non-employee Board members of SJW Corp., San Jose Water Company, SJW Land Company and SJWTX, Inc.:

	Annual Retainer
SJW Corp.	
Chairman	\$ 30,000
Other Board Members	\$ 15,000
San Jose Water Company	
Chairman	\$ 60,000
Other Board Members	\$ 40,000
SJW Land Company	
Chairman	\$ 20,000
Other Board Members	\$ 5,000
SJWTX, Inc.	
Chairman	\$ 5,000
Other Board Members	\$ 5,000

Director Meeting Fees

The following table sets forth the 2008 Board and Committee per meeting fees for the non-employee Board members of SJW Corp., San Jose Water Company, SJW Land Company and SJWTX, Inc.:

	Meeting Fees
SJW Corp.	
Chairman	\$ 1,000
Other Board Members	\$ 1,000
SJW Corp. Committees	
Audit Committee Chairman (for attending audit committee meetings)	\$ 3,000
Other Committee Chairman (for attending their respective committee meetings)	\$ 2,000
Other Board Members	\$ 1,000
San Jose Water Company	
Chairman	\$ 1,000
Other Board Members	\$ 1,000
SJW Land Company	
Chairman	\$ 500
Other Board Members	\$ 500
SJWTX, Inc.	
Chairman	\$ 2,500
Other Board Members	\$ 500

The meeting fees are the same for attending Board and Committee meetings held telephonically.

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In the event a non-employee director attends an in-person Board or Committee meeting by telephone, he or she will be entitled to receive the applicable per meeting fee for the first meeting attended by telephone in a calendar year and half of such meeting fee for each subsequent meeting attended by telephone in the same calendar year.

Non-employee directors may also receive fees determined on a case-by-case basis by SJW Corp.'s Executive Compensation Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors for attending additional meetings other than Board or Committee meetings, such as Board retreats, strategic planning meetings, or other programs organized by SJW Corp., San Jose Water Company, SJW Land Company, or SJWTX, Inc.

Mr. Moss elected not to receive any retainer or meeting fees for his service as a non-employee director in the 2008 and 2009 fiscal years.

Long-Term Incentive Plan

For the 2008 fiscal year, the non-employee directors were eligible to participate in two special programs implemented for them under SJW Corp.'s Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (Incentive Plan or LTIP). The principal features of each program may be summarized as follows:

Deferral Election Program for Non-Employee Board Members

Pursuant to the Corporation's Deferral Election Program for non-employee Board members (the Deferral Election Program), each non-employee member of the Corporation's Board of Directors has the opportunity to defer: (i) either 50 percent or 100 percent of his or her annual retainer fees for serving on the Corporation's Board and the Board of one or more subsidiaries; and (ii) 100 percent of his or her fees for attending pre-scheduled meetings of such Boards or any committees of such Boards on which he or she serves. The deferral election is irrevocable and must be made prior to the start of the year for which the fees are to be earned.

The Deferral Election Program was amended effective January 1, 2008. Pursuant to such amended program, the fees which a non-employee Board member of the Corporation elects to defer under such program for the fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2007 will no longer be converted into deferred shares of the Corporation's common stock but will instead be credited as a dollar amount to a deferral election account under the Deferral Election Program. That account will subsequently be credited with a fixed rate of interest, compounded semi-annually and set at the start of each calendar year, beginning with the 2008 calendar year, at the lower of (i) the then current 30-year long-term borrowing cost of funds to San Jose Water Company (or the equivalent thereof), as measured as of the start of such calendar year, or (ii) 120 percent of the long-term Applicable Federal Rate determined as of the start of such calendar year and based on semi-annual compounding. The non-employee Board members will vest in the portion of their account attributable to each Board or Board committee on which they serve during a calendar year in a series of 12 equal monthly installments upon their completion of each calendar month of service on that Board or Board committee during such calendar year. Distribution of the vested balance credited to each Board member's deferral election account will be made or commence on the 30th day following his or her cessation of Board service. The cash distribution will be made either in a lump sum or through a series of annual installments in accordance with the payment election such Board member made.

Mr. King elected to defer 100 percent of his 2008 annual retainer fees, Mr. Cali elected to defer 50 percent of his 2008 annual retainer fees, and Mr. DiNapoli elected to defer 100 percent of his 2008 annual retainer fees and the pre-scheduled 2008 meeting fees.

Deferred Restricted Stock Program

The Corporation's Deferred Restricted Stock Program (the Deferred Stock Program) was amended effective January 1, 2008. As a result of that amendment, no new awards of deferred stock will be made under

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the Deferred Stock Program with respect to Board service after December 31, 2007. However, prior to such amendment, each non-employee director who commenced Board service on or after April 29, 2003 was granted: (i) a deferred stock award on the first business day of January next following his or her completion of at least six months of service as a Board member; and (ii) annual grants of deferred stock on the first business day of January in each of the next nine succeeding calendar years, provided he or she remained a non-employee member of the Board through such date. The number of shares of the Corporation's common stock underlying each annual deferred stock award was determined by dividing (i) the aggregate dollar amount of the annual retainer fees, at the levels in effect as of the date of grant, for service on the Board and for service on the Boards of Directors of the Corporation's subsidiaries for the calendar year in which the grant is made by (ii) the fair market value per share of the Corporation's common stock on the grant date. The shares subject to each deferred stock award are fully vested and will be issued from the LTIP on a distribution commencement date tied to the director's cessation of Board service or other pre-specified date. The shares may be issued either in a single lump sum or in up to 10 annual installments, as elected by the director at the time of his or her initial entry into the Deferred Stock Program or pursuant to the special payment election made available in 2008.

Each non-employee director who commenced Board service prior to April 29, 2003 and participated in the Director Pension Plan was given the opportunity during the 2003 calendar year to elect to convert his or her accumulated benefit under that plan into a deferred stock award under the Deferred Stock Program. The accumulated benefit of each director who made such an election was converted, on September 2, 2003, into a deferred stock award of comparable value based on the fair market value per share of the Corporation's common stock on such date. The award vested in 36 monthly installments over the director's period of continued Board service measured from the conversion date.

In accordance with the foregoing, Messrs. Cali, DiNapoli, Gibson (a former Board member), Moss, and Toeniskoetter elected to have their accumulated Director Pension Plan benefits converted into deferred stock pursuant to the Deferred Stock Program. As a result, Messrs. Cali, DiNapoli, Gibson, Moss, and Toeniskoetter each had \$270,000 in Pension Plan benefits converted into a deferred stock award covering 19,014 shares of the Corporation's common stock.

Director Pension Plan

Messrs. Ulrich and King continue to participate in the Director Pension Plan. Under such plan, Messrs. Ulrich and King will each receive a series of annual cash payments following their cessation of service as a director. Effective as of January 1, 2008, the annual payment shall be equal to the dollar amount determined by multiplying the number of years of service rendered as a non-employee member of the Corporation's Board of Directors through December 31, 2007, up to a maximum of 10 years, by the greater of (i) the aggregate annual cash retainer fee payable for service on the Corporation's Board and the Boards of San Jose Water Company and SJW Land Company for the 2007 fiscal year or (ii) one half of the aggregate annual cash retainer fee payable for service on such Boards that is in effect at the time of the participant's cessation of service on the Corporation's Board. Such payment will be made to the participant or his estate, for the number of years the participant served on the Corporation's Board through December 31, 2007. Mr. Ulrich has six full years of pre-2008 Board service and Mr. King has four full years of pre-2008 Board service. Directors who elected to convert their accumulated Director Pension Plan benefits into deferred restricted stock in 2003 and non-employee directors who commenced Board service on or after April 29, 2003 are not eligible to participate in the Director Pension Plan.

Dividend Equivalent Rights

Dividend Equivalent Rights (DERs) are part of the outstanding deferred stock awards currently credited to the non-employee directors under the Deferral Election and Deferred Restricted Stock Programs. Pursuant to those DERs, each non-employee director's deferred stock account under each program will be credited, each time a dividend is paid on the Corporation's common stock, with a dollar amount equal to the dividend paid per share multiplied by the number of shares at the time credited to the deferred stock account, including shares previously

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credited to the account by reason of the DERs. As of the first business day in January each year, the cash dividend equivalent amounts so credited in the immediately preceding year will be converted into additional shares of deferred stock by dividing such cash amount by the average of the fair market value of the Corporation's common stock on each of the dates in the immediately preceding year on which dividends were paid. The additional shares of common stock that are credited based on such DERs will vest in the same manner as the deferred stock awards to which they are attributable.

Effective as of January 1, 2008, the Corporation has imposed a limitation on the maximum number of years such DERs will continue to remain outstanding. Accordingly, the DERs will terminate with the dividends paid by the Corporation during the 2017 calendar year, with the last DER conversion into deferred stock to occur on the first business day in January 2018. As part of the DER phase-out, each non-employee Board member was given the opportunity to make a special election by December 31, 2007 to receive a distribution from his accounts under the two programs in either (i) a lump sum distribution in any calendar year within the 10-year period from 2009 to 2018 or (ii) an installment distribution over a five or 10-year period within that 10-year period. The amount distributable from each such account would be equal to the number of deferred shares credited to that account as of December 31, 2007 plus the number of additional deferred shares subsequently credited to that account by reason of the dividend equivalent rights existing on those deferred shares during the period prior to their distribution. No further DERs would be paid on the distributed shares, but those shares would be entitled to actual dividends as and when paid to the Corporation's shareholders. Alternatively, the non-employee Board member could continue to defer each account until cessation of Board service. Only Mr. Cali made a special payment election and elected to receive his deferred accounts in five annual installments over the five calendar-year period beginning with the 2014 calendar year.

On January 2, 2009, the following non-employee Board members were credited with additional shares of deferred stock pursuant to their DERs: Mr. Cali, 480 shares; Mr. DiNapoli, 634 shares; Mr. King, 164 shares; Mr. Toeniskoetter, 480 shares; and Mr. Van Valer, 47 shares.

Expense Reimbursement Policies

Under the Corporation's Director Compensation and Expense Reimbursement Policies, each non-employee director will be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with his or her attendance at Board or committee meetings of SJW Corp., San Jose Water Company, SJW Land Company or SJWTX, Inc. as well as his or her attendance at certain other meetings held by such companies. Expenses subject to reimbursement include the expense of traveling by non-commercial aircraft if within 1,000 miles of company headquarters and approved by the Chairman of the Board, and the expense of traveling first class for any travel within the United States. A copy of the Amended and Restated Director Compensation and Expense Reimbursement Policies is attached as Exhibit 10.23 to the Form 10-K filed on March 10, 2008.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that shareholders vote FOR the election of the ten nominees listed on page 4.

Table of Contents**PROPOSAL 2****RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT****REGISTERED ACCOUNTING FIRM****General**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has appointed KPMG LLP as the Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm (the independent accountants) for fiscal year 2009. At the annual meeting, shareholders are being asked to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Corporation's independent accountants for fiscal year 2009. In the event the shareholders fail to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP, the Audit Committee will reconsider its selection.

Representatives of KPMG LLP are expected to be present at the annual meeting. They have been offered the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Principal Independent Accountants Fees and Services

The following table sets forth the approximate aggregate fees billed to the Corporation during or for fiscal years 2007 and 2008:

	2008	2007
Audit Fees (1)	\$ 652,500	\$ 641,850
Audit-Related Fees (2)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tax Fees (3)	\$ 15,279	\$ 7,900
All Other Fees (4)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Fees	\$ 667,779	\$ 649,750

- (1) **Audit Fees:** This category consists of the fees billed for those fiscal years for the audit of annual financial statements, review of the financial statements included in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and services that are normally provided by the independent accountants in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years.
- (2) **Audit-Related Fees:** This category consists of fees billed in those fiscal years with respect to assurance and related services by the independent accountants that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit and review of financial statements and are not reported under Audit Fees.
- (3) **Tax Fees:** This category consists of fees billed in those fiscal years with respect to professional services rendered by the independent accountants for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. All tax fees were pre-approved by the Audit Committee. The services for the fees disclosed under this category include state tax credit analysis and tax return review billed during 2007 and 2008.
- (4) **All Other Fees:** This category consists of fees not covered by Audit Fees, Audit-Related Fees and Tax Fees. The Audit Committee has considered and concluded that the provision of services described above is compatible with maintaining the independence of KPMG LLP.

The Audit Committee has adopted a pre-approval policy regarding the rendering of audit and non-audit services by KPMG LLP. In general, audit fees are reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee annually. Non-audit services are pre-approved by the Audit Committee when necessary. The Audit Committee has delegated authority to its Chairman to pre-approve specific services to be rendered by KPMG LLP subject

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to disclosure to and affirmation by the Audit Committee of such pre-approvals when the Audit Committee next convenes a meeting.

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Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the adoption of the proposal to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as SJW Corp. s independent accountants for fiscal year 2009. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders named in each proxy will vote the shares represented thereby FOR this Proposal.

OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the executive officers and directors of the Corporation, and persons who own more than 10 percent of a registered class of the Corporation s equity securities, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and the New York Stock Exchange. These persons are required to furnish SJW Corp. with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on its review of the copies of such reports received by it, and written representations from certain reporting persons that no other reports were required during 2008, SJW Corp. believes that all Section 16(a) reporting obligations were met during 2008.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table sets forth, as of January 31, 2009, certain information concerning ownership of shares of SJW Corp. common stock by each director of the Corporation, nominee for director and the Corporation s Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and each of the Corporation s three other most highly compensated executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table below (the named executive officers), and all directors, nominees and executive officers of SJW Corp. as a group and beneficial owners of five percent or more of the common stock of SJW Corp. Unless otherwise indicated, the beneficial ownership consists of sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares indicated, except to the extent that spouses share authority under applicable law. Except for shares of common stock held in brokerage accounts, which may, from time to time together with other securities in the account, serve as collateral for margin loans made in such accounts, none of the shares reported as beneficially owned have been pledged as security for any loan or indebtedness.

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Name	Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class
Directors and Nominees for Directors:		
Katharine Armstrong	0	*
Mark L. Cali (1)	304,983	1.6%
J. Philip DiNapoli (2)	3,600	*
Douglas R. King (3)	4,500	*
George E. Moss (4)(5)	3,032,147	16.4%
Norman Y. Mineta	0	*
W. Richard Roth, President and Chief Executive Officer (6)	114,768	*
Charles J. Toeniskoetter (7)	3,800	*
Frederick R. Ulrich, Jr. (8)	2,836	*
Robert A. Van Valer (9)	10,000	*
Officers not listed above:		
David A. Green, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	0	*
Angela Yip, Executive Vice President of Finance (10)	10,835	*
George J. Belhumeur, Senior Vice President of Operations (11)	9,295	*
R. Scott Yoo, Chief Operating Officer (12)	22,790	*
All directors, nominees and executive officers as a group (14 individuals) (13)	3,519,554	19.0%
Beneficial owners of five percent or more not listed above:		
Nancy O. Moss (5)(14)	3,032,147	16.4%
Roscoe Moss, Jr. (15)	2,137,868	11.6%
4360 Worth Street, Los Angeles, California 90063, USA		
River Road Asset Management, LLC (16)	921,904	5.0%
462 S. 4 th Street, Suite 1600, Louisville, KY 40202		

* Represents less than one percent of the outstanding shares of SJW Corp.'s common stock.

- (1) Includes (i) 23,639 shares of common stock held by the Mark Cali Revocable Trust, (ii) 258,094 shares of common stock held by the Cali 1994 Living Trust for which Mark Cali is a co-trustee, (iii) 21,000 shares of common stock held by Nina Negranti, Mr. Cali's spouse, as trustee of the Nina Negranti Revocable Trust, (iv) 1,200 shares of common stock held by Nina Negranti's IRA, and (v) an aggregate of 1,050 shares of common stock held by Mr. Cali's children. Mr. Cali has shared voting and investment powers with respect to the 258,094 shares.
- (2) Includes (i) 3,000 shares of common stock under a Keogh Plan and (ii) 600 shares of common stock held by a revocable trust of which Mr. DiNapoli and his spouse are trustees and beneficiaries. Mr. DiNapoli has shared voting and investment powers with respect to the 600 shares.

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- (3) Includes 4,500 shares of common stock held by the King Family Trust dated June 6, 2005 of which Mr. King and Melinda King are trustees.
- (4) Includes (i) 13,221 shares of common stock, (ii) 1,085,000 shares of common stock held by the George Edward Moss Trust, (iii) 794,834 shares of common stock held by the John Kimberly Moss Trust for which George Moss disclaims beneficial ownership, and (iv) 1,139,092 shares of common stock held by the Nancy O. Moss Trust for which George Moss disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (5) The address for George E. Moss and Nancy O. Moss is 4360 Worth Street, Los Angeles, California 90063.
- (6) Includes (i) 72,593 shares of common stock subject to options which were exercisable as of January 31, 2009 or which will become exercisable within 60 days thereafter, (ii) 23,875 shares of common stock and (iii) 18,300 shares of common stock held by a trust for which Mr. Roth is trustee.
- (7) Includes (i) 2,600 shares of common stock held by a Family Trust and (ii) 1,200 shares of common stock held by a Profit Sharing Plan. Mr. Toeniskoetter has shared voting and investment powers with respect to such 1,200 shares.
- (8) Includes 2,836 shares of common stock held by the Ulrich Family Trust dated July 6, 2000. Mr. Ulrich is a trustee of the Ulrich Family Trust.
- (9) Includes 10,000 shares of common stock.
- (10) Includes (i) 6,197 shares of common stock and (ii) 4,638 shares of common stock subject to options which were exercisable as of January 31, 2009 or which will become exercisable within 60 days thereafter.
- (11) Includes (i) 2,000 shares of common stock, (ii) 5,508 shares of common stock held under an IRA account, and (iii) 1,787 shares of common stock subject to options which were exercisable as of January 31, 2009 or which will become exercisable within 60 days thereafter.
- (12) Includes (i) 4,152 shares of common stock and (ii) 18,638 shares of common stock subject to options which were exercisable as of January 31, 2009 or which will become exercisable within 60 days thereafter.
- (13) Includes 97,656 shares of common stock subject to options which were exercisable as of January 31, 2009 or which will become exercisable within 60 days thereafter.
- (14) Includes (i) 1,139,092 shares of common stock held by the Nancy O. Moss Trust, (ii) 794,834 shares of common stock held by the John Kimberly Moss Trust for which Nancy O. Moss disclaims beneficial ownership, (iii) 13,221 shares of common stock of George E. Moss for which Nancy O. Moss disclaims beneficial ownership, and (iv) 1,085,000 shares of common stock held by the George Edward Moss Trust for which Nancy O. Moss disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (15) Pursuant to Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on May 10, 2005, by Roscoe Moss Jr. According to this Schedule 13D, Roscoe Moss Jr., as trustee of the Roscoe Moss Jr. Revocable Trust UA March 24, 1982, has sole power to vote and

dispose of the shares.

- (16) Pursuant to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 17, 2009, by River Road Asset Management, LLC. According to this Schedule 13G, River Road Asset Management, LLC had sole voting power over 751,473 shares of common stock and sole dispositive power over 921,904 shares of common stock.

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In addition to the ownership of the shares and options reported in the above table, as of January 31, 2009, the following directors, nominees to the Board and named executive officers held deferred stock awards covering shares of the Corporation's common stock as follows:

Name	Number of Shares
Directors and Nominees for Directors:	
Katharine Armstrong	0
Mark L. Cali	21,425(1)
J. Philip DiNapoli	28,364(1)
Douglas R. King	7,369(1)
George E. Moss	0
Norman Y. Mineta	0
W. Richard Roth, President and Chief Executive Officer	151,844(2)
Charles J. Toeniskoetter	21,425(1)
Frederick R. Ulrich, Jr.	0
Robert A. Van Valer	2,149(1)
Officers not listed above:	
David A. Green, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	3,551(3)
Angela Yip, Executive Vice President of Finance	3,585(3)
George J. Bellhumeur, Senior Vice President of Operations	3,069(3)
R. Scott Yoo, Chief Operating Officer	5,812(3)

- (1) The shares of the Corporation's common stock underlying these deferred stock awards will be issued in one or more installments following the individual's cessation of such Board service or any earlier date as designated by the non-employee Board member pursuant to the special payment election provided to him in 2007.
- (2) Includes 130,844 shares of the Corporation's common stock issuable pursuant to restricted stock unit and other deferred stock awards which are subject to vesting schedules described below in Footnote 3 to this table. Also includes the following restricted stock unit awards:
- Performance-based restricted stock units covering 7,000 shares of common stock granted to Mr. Roth under the Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan on January 25, 2007. Each unit will entitle Mr. Roth to receive one share of the Corporation's common stock when that unit vests. If the performance objective measured over the three-year period beginning January 1, 2007 is attained and Mr. Roth continues in the Corporation's employ through the completion of that period, then the 7,000 underlying shares of common stock will be issued to Mr. Roth in January 2010. The units will automatically be converted into service-vesting units upon certain changes in control prior to the completion of the performance period and will be subject to accelerated vesting should the CEO's employment terminate under certain circumstances following such conversion. In addition, the units will vest in full on an accelerated basis upon Mr. Roth's termination of employment with the Corporation under certain prescribed circumstances.
 - Performance-vesting restricted units covering 7,000 shares of common stock issued to Mr. Roth on January 30, 2008. The underlying shares will be issued in January 2011 if the performance objective measured over the three-year period beginning January 1, 2008 is attained and Mr. Roth continues in the Corporation's service through the completion of that period. However, the units will vest in full, and the underlying shares will become immediately issuable, on an accelerated basis if Mr. Roth ceases service by reason of death or disability, and the service-vesting component (but not the performance-vesting component) will become inapplicable upon Mr. Roth's resignation for good reason or an involuntary termination other than for good cause. In addition, the units will automatically be converted into service-vesting units upon certain changes in control prior to the completion of the performance period and will be subject to accelerated vesting should the CEO's employment terminate under certain circumstances following such conversion.

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- (3) The shares of the Corporation's common stock issuable pursuant to these restricted stock unit and deferred stock awards are subject to vesting schedules tied to the individual's continued service with the Corporation or its affiliated companies. The shares which vest under each such award will be distributed either incrementally as they vest or in a lump sum distribution following the individual's termination of service or the completion of any other designated deferral period.

For further information concerning such restricted stock unit and deferred stock awards, please see the following sections of this proxy statement: Compensation of Directors and Executive Compensation and Related Information Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND RELATED INFORMATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis discusses the principles underlying the Corporation's compensation policies and decisions and the principal elements of the compensation paid to its executive officers during the 2008 fiscal year. The Corporation's Chief Executive Officer (the CEO), Chief Financial Officer (the CFO) and the other executive officers included in the Summary Compensation Table below will be referred to as the named executive officers for purposes of this discussion.

Compensation Objectives and Philosophy

The Executive Compensation Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing and approving the compensation payable to the Corporation's executive officers and other key employees. The Committee seeks to accomplish the following objectives with respect to the Corporation's executive compensation programs:

Motivate, recruit and retain executives capable of meeting the Corporation's strategic objectives;

Provide incentives to achieve superior executive performance and successful financial results for the Corporation; and

Align the interests of executives with the long-term interests of shareholders.

The Committee seeks to achieve these objectives by:

Establishing a compensation structure that is both market competitive and internally fair;

Linking a substantial portion of compensation to the Corporation's financial performance and the individual's contribution to that performance;

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Providing below-target compensation for underachievement and upward leverage for exceptional performance; and

Providing long-term equity-based incentives and encouraging direct share ownership by executives.

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The Executive Compensation Committee is not authorized to delegate any of its authority with respect to executive officer compensation. However, it is authorized to hire independent compensation consultants and other professionals to assist in the design, formulation, analysis and implementation of compensation programs for the Corporation's executive officers and other key employees.

Setting Executive Compensation for 2008

Major compensation decisions for each fiscal year, such as base salary adjustments and the value of long-term incentive grants, are generally made by the Committee during the last month of the prior year or during the first month of the current year. The principal factors that the Committee considers when setting the compensation for the named executive officers are as follows:

Competitive benchmarking;

Management's recommendations;

Comparison of the Corporation's performance against certain operational and qualitative goals identified in the Corporation's strategic plan;

Individual performance as assessed by the CEO and the Committee;

The cost of living in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

Tenure and internal pay equity.

Role of Management: As in prior years, the CEO provided the Committee with recommendations regarding the 2008 compensation levels for each of the other named executive officers, such as adjustments in base salary and bonus payouts. The CEO also provided the Committee with his assessment of the individual performance of each of the other named executive officers.

Role of External Advisors: The Committee has engaged Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc., a national executive compensation consulting firm, to serve as the Committee's independent compensation consultant (Consultant). In December 2007, the Consultant prepared an executive compensation benchmarking study at the request of the Committee. The Consultant also attended the majority of the regularly scheduled Committee meetings during the 2008 fiscal year and provided general advice regarding compensation issues throughout the year. The Consultant did not perform any services on behalf of management and did not have any potential business conflicts that would affect its role as an independent advisor. Management did not engage a separate consultant in formulating its compensation recommendations to the Committee.

Benchmarking: The Committee relied extensively on the executive compensation benchmarking report prepared by the Consultant in December 2007 when setting the 2008 compensation program. This study benchmarked the compensation paid by comparable publicly-traded water, electricity and natural gas utility companies. It is the Committee's objective to target the total annual compensation (base salary, target bonus and equity awards) of each executive officer at a level between the 50th and 75th percentiles for comparable positions at the peer group companies.

The peer companies were selected by the Committee after taking into account the recommendation of the Consultant on the basis of objective industry classifications and financial size criteria (revenue and market capitalization). The peers were divided into two groups, a primary group consisting of seven water utilities, and a secondary group of 10 additional electricity and natural gas utilities. The secondary group was used in order to provide additional perspective with respect to executive compensation levels at companies in other regulated industries. These peer groups were unchanged from the groups used for compensation benchmarking in the previous year, with the exception that three companies were removed from the secondary group due to acquisitions in 2007. The Committee believes that all of the peer companies represent primary competitors for executive talent and investment capital.

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Primary Peers (Water Utilities)

American States Water	Aqua America	Artesian Resources
California Water Service	Connecticut Water Service	Middlesex Water
Southwest Water		

Secondary Peers (Electricity and Natural Gas Utilities)

South Jersey Industries	CH Energy Group	Chesapeake Utilities
Empire District Electric	EnergySouth	MGE Energy
Northwest Natural Gas	Otter Tail Corp	Unitil
Central Vermont Public Service		

Components of Compensation

For the 2008 fiscal year, the principal components of the Corporation's executive compensation program were as follows:

Base salary

Annual short-term cash incentives

Long-term equity incentive awards

Retirement benefit accruals

In addition to the above, the named executive officers are provided with certain market competitive benefits and perquisites and are entitled to certain severance benefits in the event their employment terminates under certain defined circumstances, as more fully set forth below.

There is no pre-established policy for the allocation of compensation between cash and non-cash components or between short-term and long-term components, nor are there any pre-established ratios between the CEO's compensation and that of the other named executive officers. Instead, the Committee determines the mix of compensation for each named executive officer based on its review of the competitive data and its subjective analysis of that individual's performance and contribution to the Corporation's financial performance.

Base Salary

It is the Committee's objective to set a competitive annual base salary for each executive officer. The Committee believes competitive base salaries are necessary to attract and retain top quality executives, since it is common practice for public companies to provide their executive officers with a guaranteed annual component of compensation that provides a level of security and continuity from year to year, without substantial adjustments to reflect the Corporation's performance.

The Committee believes that the 2008 base salaries for the named executive officers were in aggregate at approximately the 75th percentile of the competitive base salary amounts paid by the peer group companies; however, Mr. Roth's 2008 base salary was at the median. The Committee considered this positioning appropriate given each executive's tenure and responsibilities with the company, as well as the high cost of living in the San Francisco Bay Area.

For the 2008 fiscal year, each named executive officer received market-based and cost-of-living salary adjustments of approximately 3.5 percent from 2007, with the exception of Mr. Green, who was hired in 2008 and appointed Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer effective August 11, 2008.

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Name	Title	2007 Salary	2008 Salary	% Increase
W. Richard Roth	President and Chief Executive Officer	\$ 440,000	\$ 455,000	3.4%
R. Scott Yoo	Chief Operating Officer	\$ 290,000	\$ 300,000	3.4%
Angela Yip	Executive Vice President of Finance (effective August 11, 2008; previously Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer)	\$ 280,000	\$ 290,000	3.6%
George J. Belhumeur	Senior Vice President of Operations	\$ 280,000	\$ 290,000	3.6%
David A. Green	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (effective August 11, 2008)	n/a	\$ 225,000(1)	n/a

(1) Salary rate made effective at time of hire.

For the 2009 fiscal year, the Committee approved market-based and cost-of-living salary adjustments that range from 2.2 to 4.4 percent for each named executive officer. Mr. Roth received the highest base salary increase due to his performance and a relatively lower position to the market relative to the other named executive officers.

Name	Title	2008 Salary	2009 Salary	% Increase
W. Richard Roth	President and Chief Executive Officer	\$ 455,000	\$ 475,000	4.4%
R. Scott Yoo	Chief Operating Officer	\$ 300,000	\$ 310,000	3.3%
Angela Yip	Executive Vice President of Finance	\$ 290,000	\$ 300,000	3.5%
George J. Belhumeur	Senior Vice President of Operations	\$ 290,000	\$ 300,000	3.5%
David A. Green	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	\$ 225,000	\$ 230,000	2.2%

Annual Bonus

As part of their compensation package, the Corporation's executive officers have the opportunity to earn annual cash bonuses. Cash awards are designed to reward superior executive performance while reinforcing the Corporation's short-term strategic operating goals. Each year, the Committee establishes a target bonus for each named executive officer tied to either a percentage of base salary or a specific dollar amount. The annual target bonus as a percentage of salary increases with executive rank so that for the more senior executives, a greater proportion of their total cash compensation is contingent upon annual performance. It is the Committee's intention to target annual bonus award opportunities at the median of similar opportunities offered by the peer group companies. However, the 2008 target bonuses were below the 25th percentile due to the higher base salaries.

Fiscal Year 2008: For the 2008 fiscal year, target bonuses ranged from 11 percent to 25 percent of base salary for the named executive officers, with the potential payout ranging from 0 percent to 150 percent of target for the CEO, and from 0 percent to 200 percent of target for the other named executive officers based on the Corporation's performance against pre-established performance goals and the Committee's assessment of the officer's performance for such year.

In January 2008, the Committee set the bonus potential for the Chief Executive Officer for the 2008 fiscal year. Unlike the subjective bonus amounts for prior years, the dollar amount of the 2008 fiscal year bonus was tied to the level at which the Corporation attained the performance goals established by the Committee for that year. At threshold level attainment, the Chief Executive Officer's bonus potential was set at \$56,875 (12.5 percent of base salary); for target level attainment, the bonus potential was \$113,750 (25 percent of base salary); and at above-target level attainment, the applicable bonus potential was \$170,625 (37.5 percent of base salary). The actual bonus amount could accordingly vary from 0 percent to 150 percent of the target bonus amount based

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on the level at which the various performance goals were attained. The Corporation's performance goals for the 2008 fiscal year, together with the target bonus and actual bonus award allocated to each goal, were as follows:

Performance Criteria	Goals and Minimum and Maximum Thresholds	Allocation of Target Amount (\$)(1)	2008 Actual Bonus Award (\$)(2)
San Jose Water Company	<u>Target Goal:</u> 10.13%	\$ 75,835	\$113,752
Return on Equity for the 2008 Fiscal Year	<u>Minimum Threshold:</u> At least 9.13%		Represents 150% of \$75,835 since Maximum Goal met
	<u>Maximum Goal:</u> At least 11.13%		
Compliance (Environmental)	<u>Maximum Goal:</u> Zero water quality or other environmental violations (Target Goal and Minimum Threshold are not applicable).	\$ 18,960	\$28,440
			Represents 150% of \$18,960 since Maximum Goal met
San Jose Water Company	<u>Target Goal:</u> Achieve 80% of identified key water industry objectives measured primarily in terms of service, reliability and efficiency.	\$ 18,955	\$21,798
Operational Goal	<u>Minimum Threshold:</u> Achieve 70% of identified water industry objectives.		Represents 115% of \$18,955 based on 83% achievement of identified key water industry objectives (between Target and Maximum Goal)
	<u>Maximum Goal:</u> Achieve 90% of identified key water industry objectives.		

- (1) The 2008 target bonus amount was equal to \$113,750 (or 25 percent of Mr. Roth's base salary), which was the level of target bonus provided pursuant to his employment agreement. The actual bonus could have ranged from 0 percent to 150 percent of the target amount based on the Committee determination of the achievement of the performance goals:

If the goal was attained, 100 percent of the allocated amount would be paid.

If only the minimum threshold was attained, then 50 percent of the allocated amount would be paid.

If the maximum goal was attained, then 150 percent of the allocated amount would be paid.

Should the actual level of attainment of any such performance goal be between two of the designated levels, then the bonus potential would be interpolated on a straight-line basis.

- (2) The actual 2008 bonus award approved by the Executive Compensation Committee is equal to 144% of Mr. Roth's 2008 target bonus (36% of his 2008 base salary).

On December 6, 2007, the Committee approved the following 2008 performance-based target bonus amounts for the following named executive officers: (i) \$40,000 for each of Angela Yip and George J. Belhumeur and (ii) \$50,000 for R. Scott Yoo. The target bonus for each such individual was the same dollar amount as his or her target bonus for the 2007 fiscal year. David A. Green's 2008 annual target bonus was established at \$25,000 at the time of his hire as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. The actual bonus amount which any such named executive officer could have earned for the 2008 fiscal year may have ranged from 0 to 200 percent of his or her target bonus and was based 75 percent on company performance and 25 percent on individual performance. The actual 2008 fiscal year bonus awards for such named executive officers were therefore based on the Committee's assessment of both the Corporation's financial performance for that year and the executive officer's individual performance. Company performance was measured in terms of return on

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equity, environmental compliance and the attainment of certain water industry objectives, utilizing the same goals as in effect for the CEO's 2008 bonus, as summarized in the table above. However, the bonus potential established for each named executive officer, other than the CEO, was not pre-allocated to those various goals, and the attainment of one or more of those goals did not guarantee that a named executive officer would be awarded any specific bonus amount. Rather, achievement of the Corporation's target goals was a prerequisite for earning a baseline of 75 percent of such executive officer's 2008 target bonus amount. Any additional bonus amount was based on the Committee's assessment of the officer's individual performance measured against the achievement of specific operational goals or completion of specific projects or initiatives. The table below summarized the principal individual goals for each named executive officer, other than the CEO, for the 2008 fiscal year:

Name	Title	Principal Individual 2008 Goals
R. Scott Yoo	Chief Operating Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance resources and organizational effectiveness - Implement succession and development plans - Effect structural changes to defined benefit plans - Evaluate/execute various strategic initiatives
Angela Yip	Executive Vice President of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop/execute 5-year capital financing plan - Enhance financial planning/budgeting systems - Expand investor relations and public outreach - Evaluate/execute various strategic initiatives
George J. Belhumeur	Senior Vice President of Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Execute watershed management initiatives - Develop Recycled Water Master Plan and projects - Implement Green Company programs - Evaluate/execute various strategic initiatives
David A. Green	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assume duties/responsibilities of CFO - Enhance accounting dept. organization/resources - Evaluate/execute various strategic initiatives

In January 2009, the Committee determined, on the basis of the Corporation's performance against the performance criteria listed above and the executive officer's individual performance that bonuses for the 2008 fiscal year should be awarded to the named executive officers at between 88 and 144 percent of target. The table below details fiscal year 2008 annual bonus targets and actual payouts for each of the named executive officers.

Name	Title	2008 Target Bonus (\$)	2008 Target Bonus (% Salary)	2008 Actual Bonus (\$)	2008 Actual Bonus (% Target)
W. Richard Roth	President and Chief Executive Officer	\$ 113,750	25%	\$ 163,990	144%
R. Scott Yoo	Chief Operating Officer	\$ 50,000	17%	\$ 50,000	100%
Angela Yip	Executive Vice President of Finance	\$ 40,000	14%	\$ 37,000	93%
George J. Belhumeur	Senior Vice President of Operations	\$ 40,000	14%	\$ 35,000	88%
David A. Green	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	\$ 25,000	11%	\$ 25,000	100%

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As noted below in the description of his employment offer letter, Mr. Green also received a one-time cash bonus of \$50,000 when he joined the company.

Fiscal Year 2009: On January 27, 2009, the Committee set the bonus potential for the Chief Executive Officer for the 2009 fiscal year. The bonus will be paid under the Corporation's Executive Officer Short-Term Incentive Plan, and the actual dollar amount of the bonus will be tied to the level at which the Corporation attains the performance goals established by the Committee for that year. At threshold level attainment, the Chief Executive Officer's bonus potential will be \$59,375 (12.5 percent of base salary); for target level attainment, the

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bonus potential will be \$118,750 (25 percent of base salary); and at above-target level attainment, the applicable bonus potential will be \$178,125 (37.5 percent of base salary). Accordingly, the actual bonus amount can vary from 0 percent to 150 percent of the target bonus amount (25 percent of base salary) based on the level at which the various performance goals are attained. The Corporation's performance goals for the 2009 fiscal year, together with the target bonus allocated to each goal, are as follows:

Performance Criteria	Goals and Minimum and Maximum Thresholds	Allocation of Target Amount (\$)(1)
San Jose Water Company	<u>Target Goal:</u> 10.13%	\$ 79,170
Return on Equity for the		
2009 Fiscal Year	<u>Minimum Threshold:</u> At least 9.13%	
	<u>Maximum Goal:</u> At least 11.13%	
Compliance	<u>Maximum Goal:</u> Zero water quality or other environmental violations (Target Goal and Minimum Threshold are not applicable).	\$ 19,790
(Environmental)		
San Jose Water Company	<u>Target Goal:</u> Achieve 80% of identified key water industry objectives measured primarily in terms of service, reliability and efficiency.	\$ 19,790
Operational Goals (2)		
	<u>Minimum Threshold:</u> Achieve 70% of identified water industry objectives.	
	<u>Maximum Goal:</u> Achieve 90% of identified key water industry objectives.	

- (1) The 2009 target bonus amount is equal to \$118,750 (or 25 percent of Mr. Roth's base salary) which is the level of target bonus provided pursuant to his employment agreement. Mr. Roth's 2009 base salary is \$475,000. The actual bonus may range from 0 percent to 150 percent of the target amount based on the Committee determination of the achievement of the performance goals:

If the goal is attained, 100 percent of the allocated amount will be paid.

If only the minimum threshold is attained, then 50 percent of the allocated amount will be paid.

If the maximum goal is attained, then 150 percent of the allocated amount will be paid.

Should the actual level of attainment of any such performance goal be between two of the designated levels, then the bonus potential will be interpolated on a straight-line basis.

(2) The key water industry objectives will be established by March 31, 2009.

On December 9, 2008, the Committee approved the following 2009 performance-based target bonus amounts for the other named executive officers: (i) \$40,000 for each of Angela Yip and George J. Belhumeur, (ii) \$35,000 for David A. Green, and (iii) \$50,000 for R. Scott Yoo. Except for Mr. Green, the target bonus for each such individual is the same dollar amount as his or her target bonus for the 2008 fiscal year. The actual bonus amount which any such named executive officer can earn for the 2009 fiscal year may range from 0 to 200 percent of his or her target bonus and is based 75 percent on corporate performance and 25 percent on individual performance. The 2009 fiscal year bonus awards for such named executive officers will therefore be based on the Committee's assessment of both the Corporation's financial performance for that year and the executive officer's individual performance. The Corporation's performance will be measured in terms of return on equity, environmental compliance and the attainment of certain water industry objectives, utilizing the same goals that will be in effect for the CEO's 2009 bonus, as summarized in the table above. However, as was the case with the 2008 fiscal year bonuses, the bonus potential established for each named executive officer, other than the CEO, will not be pre-allocated to those various goals, and the attainment of one or more of those goals will not guarantee that a named executive officer will be awarded any specific bonus amount. Rather, achievement of the Corporation's target goals will be prerequisite for earning a baseline of 75 percent of such executive officer's 2009 target bonus amount, with the actual bonus amount payable to each such executive officer to be determined

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solely in the Committee's discretion. Any additional bonus will be based on the Committee's assessment of each such officer's individual performance measured against the achievement of specific operational goals or completion of specific projects or initiatives tied to such individual's leadership and management of the business units or functions within his or her area of supervision and management and his or her contribution to the Corporation's achievement of the goals described above.

Long-Term Incentive Equity Awards

A significant portion of each named executive officer's compensation is provided in the form of long-term incentive equity awards under the Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP). Long-term incentive awards are typically made to executive officers in the form of restricted stock units (RSUs). It is the Committee's belief that RSUs are essential to the retention of the executive officers and will help to advance the share ownership guidelines the Committee has established for the executive officers. The RSUs have vesting schedules which provide a meaningful incentive for the executive officer to remain in the Corporation's service. Such equity awards also serve as an important vehicle to achieve the Committee's objective of aligning management and shareholder interests. In addition, RSUs are less dilutive to shareholders than traditional option grants and provide a more direct correlation between the compensation cost the Corporation must record for financial accounting purposes and the value delivered to the executive officers.

The Committee has followed a grant practice of tying equity awards to its annual year-end review of individual performance and its assessment of the Corporation's performance. Accordingly, equity awards are typically made to the named executive officers on an annual basis during the last month of each fiscal year or the first month of the succeeding fiscal year.

For the past two years, awards made to the named executive officers other than the CEO have been made on the first business day of the year, and awards to the CEO have been made at the time of the Committee meeting in late January. The Committee does not have any policy or practice of timing such awards to the release of the Corporation's financial results.

The values reported in the Summary Compensation Table under the Stock Awards and Option Awards columns for the 2008 fiscal year reflect the Corporation's stock-based compensation expense as calculated under SFAS 123(R) for that year. Those values take into account compensation expense attributable to all outstanding equity awards, whether granted during the 2008 fiscal year or earlier fiscal years, and do not represent the value of awards determined and granted by the Committee during 2008.

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards: Equity grants for fiscal year 2007 performance were made at the beginning of fiscal year 2008. Grants made to the named executive officers in 2008 (with the exception of the CEO) were solely in the form of service-vesting RSUs. The RSUs do not include dividend equivalent rights. Each RSU award will vest, and the underlying shares of the Corporation's common stock will be issued, in four successive equal annual installments over the four-year period of service measured from the award date, subject to accelerated vesting upon certain changes in control of the Corporation or termination of employment under certain circumstances. Each of the named executive officers (with the exception of the CEO and the recently hired CFO, David A. Green) received his or her RSU award on January 2, 2008. Mr. Green received a grant of RSUs in August 2008 at the time of his appointment as the CFO. The chart below indicates the number of shares of the Corporation's common stock underlying those RSU awards:

Name	Title	Number of Underlying Shares
R. Scott Yoo	Chief Operating Officer	2,519
Angela Yip	Executive Vice President of Finance	1,481
George J. Belhumeur	Senior Vice President of Operations	1,481
David A. Green	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	1,851(1)

(1) Represents grant of RSUs awarded on August 11, 2008 at the time of Mr. Green's appointment as CFO.

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On January 30, 2008, the Committee granted the CEO a service-vesting RSU award covering 14,000 shares of common stock. Those RSUs will vest, and the underlying shares of common stock will be issued, in three successive equal annual installments upon the CEO's completion of each year of service with the Corporation over the three-year period measured from the date of grant, subject to accelerated vesting upon certain changes in control of the Corporation or termination of employment under certain circumstances. The RSUs do not include dividend equivalent rights.

The CEO also received a performance-vesting RSU award for an additional 7,000 shares on January 30, 2008. The RSU award will vest if the Corporation achieves an annualized total shareholder return of eight percent over the three-year period from January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2010, provided the CEO remains in employment through such date. However, the units will vest in full, and the underlying shares will become immediately issuable, on an accelerated basis if the CEO ceases service by reason of death or disability, and the service-vesting component (but not the performance-vesting component) will become inapplicable upon the CEO's resignation for good reason or an involuntary termination other than for good cause. In addition, the RSU award will convert into a service-only vesting award should a change in control of the Corporation occur during the three-year performance period and will be subject to accelerated vesting should the CEO's employment terminate under certain circumstances following such conversion. The RSU award does not include dividend equivalent rights.

Fiscal 2009 Awards: On January 2, 2009, each of the named executive officers (with the exception of the CEO) received RSU awards for the 2008 fiscal year performance. The RSUs will vest, and the underlying shares of the Corporation's common stock will be issued, in four successive equal annual installments over the four-year period of service measured from the award date, subject to accelerated vesting upon certain changes in control of the Corporation or termination of employment under certain circumstances. The chart below indicates the number of shares of the Corporation's common stock underlying those RSU awards:

Name	Title	Number of Underlying Shares
R. Scott Yoo	Chief Operating Officer	2,890
Angela Yip	Executive Vice President of Finance	1,700
George J. Belhumeur	Senior Vice President of Operations	1,700
David A. Green	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	1,700

On January 27, 2009, the Committee granted the CEO a service-vesting RSU award covering 14,000 shares of common stock. The RSUs will vest in three successive equal annual installments upon the CEO's completion of each year of service with the Corporation over the three-year period measured from the date of grant, subject to accelerated vesting upon certain changes in control of the Corporation or termination of employment under certain circumstances. The shares subject to such RSUs are issued as they vest. The RSUs do not include dividend equivalent rights.

The CEO also received a performance-vesting RSU award for an additional 7,000 shares on January 27, 2009. The additional RSU award will vest if the Corporation achieves an annualized total shareholder return of six percent over the three-year period from January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2011, provided the CEO remains in employment through such date. However, the units will vest in full, and the underlying shares will become immediately issuable, on an accelerated basis if the CEO ceases service by reason of death or disability, and the service-vesting component (but not the performance-vesting component) will become inapplicable upon the CEO's resignation for good reason or an involuntary termination other than for good cause. In addition, the RSU award will convert into a service-only vesting award should a change in control of the Corporation occur during the three-year performance period and will be subject to accelerated vesting should the CEO's employment terminate under certain circumstances following such conversion. The RSU award does not include dividend equivalent rights.

The CEO also has dividend equivalent rights with respect to deferred stock units originally awarded to him in 2003 as part of his employment agreement. Each of these various dividend equivalent rights has a

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compounding effect in that the dividend equivalents credited to the CEO are subsequently converted into deferred shares of common stock at the end of each fiscal year, and dividend equivalents are in turn paid on those additional deferred shares.

Executive Benefits and Perquisites

The named executive officers are provided with certain market competitive benefits and perquisites. It is the Committee's belief that such benefits are necessary for the Corporation to remain competitive and to attract and retain top caliber executive officers, since such benefits are typical of those provided by companies in the utility industry and by other companies with which the Corporation competes for executive talent.

Retirement Benefits: Executive officers are eligible to receive retirement benefits under the Retirement Plan of San Jose Water Company, a tax-qualified defined benefit plan covering a broad spectrum of the Corporation's employees. Executive officers hired before March 31, 2008 are eligible to receive additional retirement benefits under the Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan (SERP), and executive officers hired on or after March 31, 2008 are eligible to receive retirement benefits under the Cash Balance Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan (Cash Balance SERP), both unfunded non-qualified plans in which only senior officers and other designated members of management may participate. A description of these plans and the benefits payable to each named executive officer upon retirement are set forth below in the Pension Benefits table and the accompanying narrative. The pension benefits payable to the executive officers increase in correlation with increases in salary and years of service. The present value of the accrued pension benefit will reflect such increases but will also fluctuate from year to year based on the interest rate used to discount anticipated future payments so that when interest rates decrease for example, the present value associated with the underlying benefit may increase.

Executive officers are also eligible to participate in the Salary Deferral Plan of San Jose Water Company, a tax-qualified 401(k) defined contribution plan. The Corporation matches up to four percent of each participant's contributions, within statutory IRS limits. Such plan is open to all employees and officers upon the same terms and conditions.

The named executive officers and certain other highly compensated employees may also participate in San Jose Water Company's Special Deferral Election Plan pursuant to which eligible participants may defer receipt of salary and bonus payments. The deferred amounts are currently credited with a fixed rate of interest that will not exceed 120 percent of the long-term Applicable Federal Rate (AFR) determined at the start of the fiscal year, compounded semi-annually. A description of the plan and the amounts deferred thereunder are set forth in the section below entitled Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation.

Other Benefits and Perquisites: All administrative employees, including executive officers, are eligible to receive standard health, disability, life and travel insurance, and professional development benefits. In addition, the Corporation provides certain executives with (i) vehicles for business use and personal commutes and (ii) club memberships. The Corporation also holds season tickets to sporting and cultural events in the CEO's name and under its name, which the CEO, executive officers and other personnel of the Corporation may use for non-business purposes on occasions. In 2008, the Corporation also paid for air travel costs for the spouse of the COO to accompany him on a business related trip and paid and/or reimbursed the CFO for non-business air travel and lodging expenses. The Corporation does not provide tax gross-ups for any imputed income in connection with providing these benefits and perquisites.

In January 2009, the Committee also authorized a special \$10,000 lump sum payment to the CEO for miscellaneous personal expenses. The Committee believed that the dollar amount involved was fair and reasonable in light of the many years of service the CEO has rendered the Corporation and his valuable contributions to the Corporation over that period.

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Executive Severance Plan and Employment Agreement

Executive Severance Plan: The Corporation has implemented the Executive Severance Plan under which the CEO and the other named executive officers will become entitled to certain severance benefits in the event their employment terminates under certain defined circumstances in connection with a change in control of the Corporation. Such benefits will be triggered in connection with a change in control only if the employment of such officers is terminated by the Corporation other than for good cause or they resign in connection with (i) a significantly adverse change in the nature or the scope of their authority or overall working environment, (ii) a material reduction in their duties or responsibilities, (iii) a decrease in their base salary and target bonus, or (iv) a relocation of their principal place of employment.

The Executive Severance Plan is designed to serve two primary purposes: (i) encourage the executive officers to remain in the Corporation's employ in the event of an actual or potential change in control transaction and (ii) align the interests of the Corporation's executive officers with those of the shareholders by enabling the executive officers to consider acquisition transactions that are in the best interests of the shareholders and provide opportunities for the creation of substantial shareholder value without undue concern over whether those transactions may jeopardize their employment or their existing compensation arrangements. The Executive Severance Plan will therefore allow the executive officers to continue to focus their attention on the Corporation's business operations and strategic plans without undue concern over their own financial situation during periods when substantial disruptions and distractions might otherwise prevail as result of such acquisition activities.

The Executive Severance Plan also allows the Corporation to maintain a standard set of severance benefits to new and existing executive officers and avoid the negotiation of "one-off" arrangements with individual executive officers. It is also important to note that the change in control benefits provided under the Executive Severance Plan are subject to a "double trigger" so that an executive officer will only receive severance benefits if there is a change in control as well as a loss of his or her employment. This differs from a "single trigger" program that would provide severance benefits immediately upon a change in control. Such a structure is consistent with one of the primary purposes of the Executive Severance Plan, namely to provide the executive officers with a guaranteed level of financial protection only upon loss of employment.

Based on the foregoing considerations and the many years of service that most of the executive officers have rendered to the Corporation, the Committee believes that the benefits provided under the Executive Severance Plan, including any tax gross-up payment to cover parachute payment taxes under Code Section 4999, have been set at a fair and reasonable level and appropriately balance the respective interests of the various stakeholders. For further information regarding the Executive Severance Plan, including such relevant terms as termination without cause, resignation for good reason and change in control, please see the section entitled "Employment Agreements, Termination of Employment and Change in Control Arrangements" that appears later in this Proxy Statement.

CEO Employment Agreement: The Corporation has entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with the CEO effective January 1, 2008, with an initial two-year term and with an automatic renewal feature each year so that there will always be a continuing two-year term, unless the Corporation provides timely notice of non-renewal. The principal terms of the employment agreement are also summarized in the section of the proxy statement entitled "Employment Agreements, Termination of Employment and Change in Control Arrangements." Pursuant to this agreement, Mr. Roth will become entitled to severance benefits should his employment terminate under certain defined circumstances in the absence of a change in control. The Committee believes that such protections for CEOs are typical for the industry and competitive with the market.

CFO Employment Offer Letter: The following compensation package was provided to Mr. Green pursuant to his offer letter: (i) a 2008 annual base salary of \$225,000, (ii) a one-time cash bonus of \$50,000, (iii) a 2008 target bonus amount of \$25,000, (iv) a restricted stock unit award covering 1,851 shares of common stock

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vesting over a period of four years, (v) a company car, and (vi) the right to use the company's membership at a country club, as more fully described above under the sections entitled "Base Salary", "Annual Bonus", "Long-Term Incentive Equity Awards" and "Executive Benefits and Perquisites". The Committee determined that such package represents a reasonable and competitive level of compensation for Mr. Green's position and experience. Mr. Green is also eligible to participate in the standard benefits package as a regular full-time employee.

Executive Share Ownership Guidelines

In 2006, the Committee established a policy requiring named executive officers to achieve specific share ownership guidelines within five years. The Committee believes that such a policy is consistent with its philosophy of encouraging executive stock ownership and will serve to further align the interests of the executive officers with those of shareholders. Pursuant to the policy, executive officers will be required to own shares with a value equal to two times the annual base salary for the CEO and one time the annual base salary for the other senior executive officers (including the named executive officers). Shares owned outright, shares underlying restricted stock units, and shares underlying deferred stock units resulting from voluntary deferrals of cash compensation or from dividend equivalent rights all count towards the guideline. Until the guideline is met, each executive is required to hold any shares issued upon the vesting of restricted stock units (net of any shares withheld or sold to cover applicable withholding taxes). As of December 31, 2008, W. Richard Roth had complied with the policy, and the other executive officers have until June 2011 in which to comply (with the exception of the recently hired CFO, David A. Green, who has until August 2013). The following table outlines the named executive officer's share ownership as of December 31, 2008:

Name	Title	Share	Share
		Ownership \$(1)	Ownership Guideline \$(2)
W. Richard Roth	Chief Executive Officer and President	\$ 5,213,901	\$ 910,000
R. Scott Yoo	Chief Operating Officer	\$ 196,885	\$ 300,000
Angela Yip	Executive Vice President of Finance	\$ 226,406	\$ 290,000
George J. Belhumeur	Senior Vice President of Operations	\$ 263,442	\$ 290,000
David A. Green	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	\$ 55,418	\$ 225,000

- (1) This amount is calculated by multiplying (i) the sum of the shares of common stock actually owned, the shares underlying restricted stock units and the shares underlying deferred stock units attributable to deferred compensation, by (ii) \$29.94, the closing selling price of the common stock on December 31, 2008.
- (2) This amount is equal to two times the base salary in effect for the CEO for the 2008 fiscal year and one time the base salary in effect for the other senior executive officers for such year.

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IRC Section 162(m) Compliance

As a result of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, publicly-traded companies such as the Corporation are not allowed a federal income tax deduction for compensation, paid to the CEO and the three other highest paid executive officers (other than the CFO), to the extent that such compensation exceeds \$1 million per officer in any one year and does not otherwise qualify as performance-based compensation. The Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan is structured so that compensation deemed paid to an executive officer in connection with the exercise of stock options should qualify as performance-based compensation that is not subject to the \$1 million limitation. Restricted stock units with performance-vesting goals tied to one or more of the performance criteria approved by the shareholders under the Long-Term Incentive Plan will also qualify as performance-based compensation for Section 162(m) purposes, but service-vesting restricted stock units will not so qualify. Other awards made under the plan may or may not so qualify. In establishing the cash and equity incentive compensation programs for the executive officers, it is the Committee's view that the potential deductibility of the compensation payable under those programs should be only one of a number of relevant factors taken into consideration, and not the sole governing factor. For that reason the Committee may deem it appropriate to continue to provide one or more executive officers with the opportunity to earn incentive compensation, including cash bonus programs tied to the Corporation's financial performance and restricted stock units awards, which may be in excess of the amount deductible by reason of Section 162(m) or other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. It is the Committee's belief that cash and equity incentive compensation must be maintained at the requisite level to attract and retain the executive officers essential to the Corporation's financial success, even if all or part of that compensation may not be deductible by reason of the Section 162(m) limitation. However, for the 2008 fiscal year, the total amount of compensation paid by the Corporation to each named executive officer subject to Section 162(m) (whether in the form of cash payments or upon the exercise or vesting of equity awards) should be deductible and not affected by the Section 162(m) limitation. In future years, it is possible that the total amount of compensation paid by the Corporation may not be entirely deductible by reason of the Section 162(m) limitation.

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The following table provides certain summary information concerning the compensation earned for services rendered in all capacities to the Corporation and its subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2006, December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2008 by the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and each of the Corporation's three other most highly compensated executive officers whose total compensation for the 2008 fiscal year (exclusive of the amounts reported in column (h) of such table) was in excess of \$100,000 and who were serving as executive officers at the end of the 2008 fiscal year. No other executive officers who would have otherwise been includable in such table on the basis of total compensation for the 2008 fiscal year (exclusive of any amounts that would have been reportable in column (h) of such table) have been excluded by reason of their termination of employment or change in executive status during that year. The listed individuals shall be hereinafter referred to as the named executive officers.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Change in Pension Value and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings	All Other Compensation	Total
		(\$)(1)	(\$)(1)	(\$)(2)(3)	(\$)(2)(4)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)(8)	(\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
W. Richard Roth,	2008	\$ 455,000	\$ 163,990	\$ 438,268	\$ 30,860		\$ 45,154(5)	\$ 32,810	\$ 1,166,082
President and Chief Executive Officer of SJW Corp.	2007	\$ 440,000	\$ 88,000	\$ 284,696	\$ 69,620		\$ 205,771(6)	\$ 24,286	\$ 1,112,373
	2006	\$ 425,000	\$ 159,375	\$ 81,139	\$ 89,660		\$ 532,883(7)	\$ 23,000	\$ 1,311,057
George J. Belhumeur,	2008	\$ 290,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 16,332	\$ 2,314		\$ 203,820(5)	\$ 18,313	\$ 565,779
Senior Vice President of Operations of San Jose Water Company	2007	\$ 280,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 4,736	\$ 4,146		\$ 13,326(6)	\$ 18,307	\$ 352,515
	2006	\$ 270,000	\$ 40,000		\$ 5,152		\$ 294,369(7)	\$ 17,219	\$ 626,740
David A. Green,	2008	\$ 102,115	\$ 75,000	\$ 4,740			\$ 5,803	\$ 19,832	\$ 207,490
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of SJW Corp.	2007								
	2006								
Angela Yip,	2008	\$ 290,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 25,808	\$ 2,312		\$ 387,785(5)	\$ 15,063	\$ 757,968
Executive Vice President of Finance of SJW Corp.	2007	\$ 280,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 14,208	\$ 4,146		\$ 65,961(6)	\$ 15,012	\$ 424,327
	2006	\$ 270,000	\$ 40,000		\$ 5,152		\$ 110,043(7)	\$ 16,187	\$ 441,382
R. Scott Yoo,	2008	\$ 300,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 38,666	\$ 20,898		\$ 418,320(5)	\$ 20,536	\$ 848,420
Chief Operating Officer of San Jose Water Company	2007	\$ 290,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 18,944	\$ 22,789		\$ 135,779(6)	\$ 20,917	\$ 528,429
	2006	\$ 280,000	\$ 50,000		\$ 23,736		\$ 216,957(7)	\$ 18,434	\$ 589,127

(1) Includes amounts deferred under the Corporation's Special Deferral Election Plan, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan for the Corporation's officers and other select management personnel, San Jose Water Company's Salary Deferral Plan, a qualified deferred

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compensation plan under section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, and also includes a one time sign-on bonus.

- (2) Represents the compensation costs recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for the 2006, 2007 and 2008 fiscal years in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004) Share-Based Payment, which will be referred to in this proxy statement as SFAS 123(R).

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- (3) Represents the SFAS 123(R) costs for each reported fiscal year attributable to restricted stock unit and other deferred stock awards made to the named executive officers, whether during such fiscal year or prior fiscal years. The compensation costs are based on the grant date fair value of each such stock award and do not take into account any estimated forfeitures related to service-vesting conditions. Such grant date fair value has been calculated on the basis of the fair market value of the Corporation's common stock on the respective date of each such stock award.
- (4) Represents the SFAS 123(R) costs for each reported fiscal year attributable to stock options granted to the named executive officers, whether during such fiscal year or prior fiscal years. The compensation costs are based on the grant date fair value of each option grant and do not take into account any estimated forfeitures related to service-vesting conditions. Assumptions used in the calculation of the SFAS 123(R) grant date fair value of each option are set forth in Note 11 to the Corporation's consolidated financial statements included in its annual reports on Form 10-K for the 2008, 2007, 2006 fiscal years.
- (5) Consists solely of the increase in the actuarial present value of each named executive officer's accumulated retirement benefits recorded for the 2008 fiscal year. The pension benefits payable to the executive officers increase in correlation with increases in salary and years of service. However, for Mr. Roth, the accrued benefit under the Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan (SERP) was reduced as a result of an administrative adjustment to the amount of his compensation taken into account under such plan. The present value of the accrued pension benefit will also fluctuate from year to year based on the interest rate used to discount anticipated future payments so that when interest rates decrease for example, the present value associated with the underlying benefit may increase. For further information concerning such pension benefits, see the section below entitled Pension Benefits.
- (6) Consists solely of the increase in the actuarial present value of each named executive officer's accumulated retirement benefits recorded for the 2007 fiscal year.
- (7) Consists of the following amounts for each of the named executive officers: (i) above market earnings on deferred compensation under the non-qualified Special Deferral Election Plan to the extent the fixed interest rate of 5.85% for the 2006 fiscal year exceeded 5.62% (120% of the applicable federal rate for 2006) and (ii) the increase in the actuarial present value of the named executive officer's accumulated retirement benefits recorded for the 2006 fiscal year:

Description	W. Richard Roth	George J. Belhumeur	Angela Yip	R. Scott Yoo
Above Market Earnings (i)	\$ 948	\$ 97	\$ 186	\$ 134
Increase in Actuarial Present Value of Pension (ii)	\$ 531,935	\$ 294,272	\$ 109,857	\$ 216,823
Total	\$ 532,883	\$ 294,369	\$ 110,043	\$ 216,957

- (8) Consists of the following amounts for each of the named executive officers: (i) spousal travel expenses, (ii) personal use of tickets to sporting events, (iii) club memberships, (iv) non-business lodging and travel expenses, (v) personal use of company car, and (vi) 401(k) employer match:

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

Description	W. Richard Roth	George J. Belhumeur	David A. Green	Angela Yip	R. Scott Yoo
Spousal Travel Expenses					\$ 676
Personal Use of Tickets To Sporting Events	\$ 1,800	\$ 455			
Club Memberships	\$ 12,751	\$ 1,265	\$ 3,184	\$ 1,001	\$ 1,235

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Non-Business Lodging & Travel Expenses			\$ 14,901		
Personal Use of Company Vehicle	\$ 9,200	\$ 7,639	\$ 1,747	\$ 5,642	\$ 9,279
401(k) Employer Match	\$ 9,059	\$ 8,954		\$ 8,420	\$ 9,346
Total	\$ 32,810	\$ 18,313	\$ 19,832	\$ 15,063	\$ 20,536

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Description	W. Richard Roth	George J. Belhumeur	Angela Yip	R. Scott Yoo
Spousal Travel Expenses	\$ 904	\$ 835	\$ 560	\$ 1,517
Personal Use of Tickets To Sporting Events				
Club Memberships	\$ 7,303	\$ 1,060	\$ 847	\$ 1,145
Personal Use of Company Vehicle	\$ 7,079	\$ 7,412	\$ 5,540	\$ 9,255
401(k) Employer Match	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,065	\$ 9,000
Total	\$ 24,286	\$ 18,307	\$ 15,012	\$ 20,917

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Description	W. Richard Roth	George J. Belhumeur	Angela Yip	R. Scott Yoo
Spousal Travel Expenses	\$ 2,192			
Personal Use of Tickets To Sporting Events	\$ 337			
Club Memberships	\$ 5,504	\$ 1,158	\$ 924	\$ 1,140
Personal Use of Company Vehicle	\$ 8,121	\$ 7,789	\$ 6,678	\$ 8,694
401(k) Employer Match	\$ 6,846	\$ 8,272	\$ 8,585	\$ 8,600
Total	\$ 23,000	\$ 17,219	\$ 16,187	\$ 18,434

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table provides certain summary information concerning each grant of an award made to a named executive officer in the 2008 fiscal year under a compensation plan. During the 2008 fiscal year, there were no non-equity incentive plan awards made to the named executive officers.

Name	Grant Date	Estimate Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date	Grant Value(5)
		Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)					
(a)	(b)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	
W. Richard Roth	1-30-2008		7,000(1)	7,000(1)				\$ 81,970	
	1-30-2008				14,000(2)			\$ 377,160	
George J. Belhumeur	1-2-2008				1,481(3)			\$ 46,385	
David A. Green	8-11-2008				1,851(4)			\$ 45,498	
Angela Yip	1-2-2008				1,481(3)			\$ 46,385	
R. Scott Yoo	1-2-2008				2,519(3)			\$ 78,895	

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- (1) On January 30, 2008, Mr. Roth was awarded restricted stock units under the Long-Term Incentive Plan covering 7,000 shares of common stock. The restricted stock units are performance-based and will vest if the Corporation achieves an annualized total shareholder return of eight percent over the three-year period from January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2010, provided Mr. Roth remains in the Corporation's employ through such date. However, the units will vest in full, and the underlying shares will become immediately issuable, on an accelerated basis if Mr. Roth ceases service by reason of death or disability, and the service-vesting component (but not the performance-vesting component) will become inapplicable upon Mr. Roth's resignation for good reason or an involuntary termination other than for good cause. The units will convert

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into a service-only vesting award should a change in control of the Corporation occur during the three-year performance period, and those units will vest on an accelerated basis should Mr. Roth's service cease by reason of death or disability, resignation for good reason or an involuntary termination other than for good cause. The performance-based restricted stock units do not include dividend equivalent rights. A portion of the vested shares which become issuable under such award will be withheld by the Corporation to cover the applicable withholding taxes.

- (2) On January 30, 2008, Mr. Roth was also awarded restricted stock units under the Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan covering an additional 14,000 shares of the Corporation's common stock. The restricted stock units will vest in three successive equal annual installments upon Mr. Roth's completion of each year of service with the Corporation over the three-year period measured from the date of grant. The shares of common stock underlying the restricted stock units will be issued as those units vest. All of the units will vest, and the underlying shares of common stock will become immediately issuable, on an accelerated basis if Mr. Roth ceases service by reason of death or disability, resignation for good reason or an involuntary termination other than for good cause. Immediate vesting will also occur in the event there is a change in control of the Corporation in which the units are not assumed or otherwise continued in effect or replaced with an equivalent cash retention program. The restricted stock units do not include dividend equivalent rights. As the vested shares become issuable from time to time under such award, a portion of those shares will be withheld by the Corporation to cover the applicable withholding taxes.
- (3) On January 2, 2008, Messrs. Belhumeur and Yoo and Ms. Yip were awarded restricted stock units under the Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each restricted unit will entitle the officer-recipient to receive one share of the Corporation's common stock on the applicable vesting date of that unit. The restricted stock units will vest in a series of four successive equal annual installments upon the officer's completion of each year of service with the Corporation over the four-year period measured from the award date (January 2, 2008). The units will vest in full, and the underlying shares will become immediately issuable, upon an accelerated basis if (i) the officer's service terminates by reason of death or disability or (ii) the officer is involuntarily terminated other than for good cause, or resigns for good reason, within 24 months after a change in control. The restricted stock units do not provide the officer with dividend equivalent rights. A portion of the vested shares which become issuable under the units will be withheld by the Corporation to cover the applicable withholding taxes.
- (4) On August 11, 2008, Mr. Green was awarded restricted stock units under the Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each restricted unit will entitle Mr. Green to receive one share of the Corporation's common stock on the applicable vesting date of that unit. The restricted stock units will vest in a series of four successive equal annual installments upon Mr. Green's completion of each year of service with the Corporation over the four-year period measured from the award date (August 11, 2008). The units will vest in full, and the underlying shares will become immediately issuable, upon an accelerated basis if (i) Mr. Green's service terminates by reason of death or disability or (ii) Mr. Green is involuntarily terminated other than for good cause, or resigns for good reason, within 24 months after a change in control. The restricted stock units do not provide Mr. Green with dividend equivalent rights. A portion of the vested shares which become issuable under the units will be withheld by the Corporation to cover the applicable withholding taxes.
- (5) Represents the SFAS 123(R) grant date value of the award. Such grant date value was determined on the basis of the closing selling price per share of the Corporation's common stock on the applicable grant date.

On January 2, 2009, Messrs. Belhumeur, Green and Yoo and Ms. Yip were awarded restricted stock units under the Corporation's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each restricted unit will entitle the officer-recipient to receive one share of the Corporation's common stock on the applicable vesting date of that unit. The restricted stock units will vest in a series of four successive equal annual installments upon the officer's completion of each year of service with the Corporation over the four-year period measured from the award date (January 2, 2009). The units will vest in full, and the underlying shares will become immediately issuable, upon an accelerated basis if (i) the officer's service terminates by reason of death or disability or (ii) the officer is involuntarily terminated

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other than for good cause, or resigns for good reason, within 24 months after a change in control. The restricted stock units do not provide the officer with dividend equivalent rights. A portion of the vested shares which become issuable under the units will be withheld by the Corporation to cover the applicable withholding taxes. The chart below indicates the number of shares of the Corporation's common stock underlying those restricted stock unit awards:

Name	Number of Underlying Shares
R. Scott Yoo	2,890
David A. Green	1,700
Angela Yip	1,700
George J. Belhumeur	1,700

On January 27, 2009, Mr. Roth was awarded restricted stock units under the Long-Term Incentive Plan covering 14,000 shares of the Corporation's common stock. The restricted stock units will vest, and the underlying shares of common stock will be issued, in three successive equal annual installments upon his completion of each year of service with the Corporation over the three-year period measured from the date of grant, subject to accelerated vesting upon certain changes in control of the Corporation or termination of employment under certain circumstances. The restricted stock units do not include dividend equivalent rights.

On January 27, 2009, Mr. Roth was also awarded performance-vesting restricted stock units under the Long-Term Incentive Plan covering an additional 7,000 shares of the Corporation's common stock. The restricted stock units will vest, and the underlying shares will be issued, if the Corporation achieves an annualized total shareholder return of six percent over the three-year period from January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2011, provided Mr. Roth remains in the Corporation's employ through such date. However, the units will vest in full, and the underlying shares will become immediately issuable, on an accelerated basis if Mr. Roth ceases service by reason of death or disability, and the service-vesting component (but not the performance-vesting component) will become inapplicable upon his resignation for good reason or an involuntary termination other than for good cause. In addition, the units will convert into a service-only vesting award should a change in control of the Corporation occur during the three-year performance period, and those units will vest on an accelerated basis should Mr. Roth's service cease by reason of death or disability, resignation for good reason or an involuntary termination other than for good cause. The restricted stock units do not include dividend equivalent rights.

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The following table provides certain summary information concerning outstanding equity awards held by the named executive officers as of December 31, 2008.

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards				Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units of Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
W. Richard Roth	39,141(1)			\$ 14.85	1/1/2014	7,000(4)	\$ 209,580(4)	7,000(11)	\$ 209,580(11)
	25,089(2)	8,363(2)		\$ 17.63	1/2/2015	9,334(5) 14,000(6) 722(7)	\$ 279,460(5) \$ 419,160(6) \$ 21,617(7)	7,000(12)	\$ 209,580(12)
George J. Belhumeur	533(1) 627(2)	627(2)		\$ 14.85 \$ 17.63	1/1/2014 1/2/2015	258(8) 1,481(9) 45(7)	\$ 7,725(8) \$ 44,341(9) \$ 1,347(7)		
David A. Green						1,851(10)	\$ 55,419(10)		
Angela Yip	2,130(1) 1,881(2)	627(2)		\$ 14.85 \$ 17.63	1/1/2014 1/2/2015	774(8) 1,481(9) 54(7)	\$ 23,174(8) \$ 44,341(9) \$ 1,617(7)		
R. Scott Yoo	2,130(1) 1,881(2) 10,500(3)	627(2) 3,500(3)		\$ 14.85 \$ 17.63 \$ 27.69	1/1/2014 1/2/2015 7/27/2015	1,032(8) 2,519(9) 314(7)	\$ 30,898(8) \$ 75,419(9) \$ 9,401(7)		

- (1) Represent Stock Options granted on January 2, 2004 which vested in four successive equal annual installments over the four-year period of service measured from the date of grant. As of December 31, 2008, the shares were fully vested and exercisable.
- (2) Represent Stock Options granted on January 3, 2005 which vest in four successive equal annual installments over the four-year period of service measured from the date of grant. As of December 31, 2008, 25% of the shares remained unvested and unexercisable. Those shares vested on January 3, 2009.
- (3) Represent Stock Options granted on July 28, 2005 which vest in four successive equal annual installments over the four-year period of service measured from the date of grant. As of December 31, 2008, 25% of the shares remained unvested and unexercisable. Those shares will vest on July 28, 2009, provided the optionee continues in service through such vesting date.

- (4) Represents service-vesting Restricted Stock Units granted on January 30, 2006. The underlying shares will vest and become issuable in four successive equal annual installments over the four-year period of service measured from the date of grant. As of December 31, 2008, 50% of the units were unvested. The reported market value of the shares underlying those unvested units is based on the \$29.94 closing selling price of the common stock on December 31, 2008.

- (5) Represents service-vesting Restricted Stock Units granted on January 25, 2007. The underlying shares will vest in three successive equal annual installments measured from the January 25, 2007 award date, provided Mr. Roth continues in the Corporation's service through each annual installment date. Half of the shares subject to such restricted stock unit will be issued as they vest and the remaining vested shares will be deferred until the earlier of Mr. Roth's termination of service, subject to any required holdback under applicable law. As of December 31,

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2008, 66.67% of the units were unvested. The reported market value of the shares underlying those unvested units is based on the \$29.94 closing selling price of the common stock on December 31, 2008.

- (6) Represents service-vesting Restricted Stock Units granted on January 30, 2008. The underlying shares will vest in three successive equal annual installments measured from the January 30, 2008 award date, provided Mr. Roth continues in the Corporation's service through each annual installment date. The shares subject to such restricted stock units will be issued as they vest. As of December 31, 2008, 100% of the units were unvested. The reported market value of the shares underlying those unvested units is based on the \$29.94 closing selling price of the common stock on December 31, 2008.
- (7) Represents the unvested portion of the deferred shares of the Corporation's common stock credited to the named executive officer's account as of December 31, 2008 by reason of dividend equivalent rights under the above-referenced stock options. The phantom cash dividends which accumulated during the 2008 fiscal year on the shares of the Corporation's common stock underlying those stock options were converted on January 2, 2009 into additional deferred shares based on the average of the per share market prices of the common stock on each date actual dividends were paid on such common stock during the 2008 fiscal year. The reported market value of those additional deferred shares is based on the \$29.94 closing selling price of the common stock on December 31, 2008. The additional deferred shares vest concurrently with the vesting of the underlying stock options to which they relate, as those vesting schedules are set forth in Footnotes 1 through 3 above, except that the deferred shares credited pursuant to the stock option referenced above in Footnote 3 vested as of January 7, 2009. The deferred shares were issued as actual shares of the Corporation's common stock in January 2009.
- (8) Represents Restricted Stock Units granted on December 29, 2006. The underlying shares will vest and become issuable in four successive equal annual installments over the four-year period of service measured from the date of grant. As of December 31, 2008, 50% of the units were unvested. The reported market value of the shares underlying those unvested units is based on the \$29.94 closing selling price of the common stock on December 31, 2008.
- (9) Represents Restricted Stock Units granted on January 2, 2008. The underlying shares will vest and become issuable in four successive equal annual installments over the four-year period of service measured from the date of grant. As of December 31, 2008, 100% of the units were unvested. The reported market value of the shares underlying those unvested units is based on the \$29.94 closing selling price of the common stock on December 31, 2008.
- (10) Represents Restricted Stock Units granted on August 11, 2008. The underlying shares will vest and become issuable in four successive equal annual installments over the four-year period of service measured from the date of grant. As of December 31, 2008, 100% of the units were unvested. The reported market value of the shares underlying those unvested units is based on the \$29.94 closing selling price of the common stock on December 31, 2008.
- (11) Represents performance-vesting Restricted Stock Units granted on January 25, 2007. The underlying shares will vest if the Corporation achieves an annualized total shareholder return of 8% over the three-year period from January 1, 2007 until December 31, 2009, provided Mr. Roth remains in the Corporation's employ through such date, but with such service-vesting component to become inapplicable under certain circumstances. The reported market value of the shares underlying those unvested units is based on the \$29.94 closing selling price of the common stock on December 31, 2008.
- (12) Represents performance-vesting Restricted Stock Units granted on January 30, 2008. The underlying shares will vest if the Corporation achieves an annualized total shareholder return of 8% over the three-year period from January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2010, provided Mr. Roth remains in the Corporation's employ through such date, but with such service-vesting component to become inapplicable under certain circumstances. The reported market value of the shares underlying those unvested units is based on the \$29.94 closing selling price of the common stock on December 31, 2008.

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The following table sets forth for each of the named executive officers, the number of shares of the Corporation's common stock acquired and the value realized on each exercise of stock options during the year ended December 31, 2008, and the number and value of shares of the Corporation's common stock subject to each restricted stock, deferred stock or restricted stock unit award that vested during the year ended December 31, 2008. No stock appreciation rights were exercised by the named executive officers during the 2008 fiscal year, and none of those officers held any stock appreciation rights as of December 31, 2008.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise \$(1)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting #(2)	Value Realized on Vesting \$(3)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
W. Richard Roth	5,500	\$ 78,944	4,666	\$ 135,314
	600	\$ 8,400	3,500	\$ 100,800
	1,700	\$ 23,875	1,705	\$ 48,709
	3,600	\$ 49,151	1,604	\$ 54,135
	1,100	\$ 14,465		
George J. Belhumeur			93	\$ 2,669
			129	\$ 3,548
David A. Green				
Angela Yip			104	\$ 3,015
			387	\$ 10,643
R. Scott Yoo			362	\$ 10,767
			516	\$ 14,190

- (1) The value realized is determined by multiplying (i) the amount by which the market price of the common stock on the date of exercise exceeded the exercise price by (ii) the number of shares for which the options were exercised.
- (2) Includes the portion of the deferred shares of the Corporation's common stock credited to the named executive officer's account by reason of dividend equivalent rights under existing stock option and restricted stock unit awards that vested on one or more occasions during the 2008 fiscal year. The phantom cash dividends which accumulated during the 2008 fiscal year on the shares of the Corporation's common stock underlying those stock options and restricted stock awards were converted on January 2, 2009 into additional deferred shares based on the average of the per share market prices of the common stock on each date actual dividends were paid on such common stock during the 2008 fiscal year.
- (3) The value realized is determined by multiplying (i) the market price of the common stock on the applicable vesting date by (ii) the number of shares which vested on such date.

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The Corporation maintains three defined benefit plans: the Retirement Plan, a tax-qualified pension plan (the Retirement Plan), the Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan, a non-qualified supplemental pension plan (the SERP) and the Cash Balance Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan, a non-qualified pension plan for certain individuals who commence employment with the Corporation on or after March 31, 2008 (the Cash Balance SERP).

The following table sets forth for each plan that provides for payments or other benefits in connection with the retirement of each of the named executive officers, the number of years of service credited to the named executive officer under the plan, the actuarial present value of the named executive officer's accumulated benefit under each applicable plan, and the dollar amount of any payments and benefits paid to the named executive officer during the Corporation's last completed fiscal year.

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service (#) (c)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$) (d)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$) (e)
(a) W. Richard Roth	(b) San Jose Water Company Retirement Plan	19	\$ 572,747	
	San Jose Water Company Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan	19	\$ 1,711,418	
George J. Belhumeur	San Jose Water Company Retirement Plan	38	\$ 1,210,985	
	San Jose Water Company Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan	38	\$ 769,996	
David A. Green	San Jose Water Company Retirement Plan	0	\$ 5,803	
	San Jose Water Company Cash Balance Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan	0		
Angela Yip	San Jose Water Company Retirement Plan	22	\$ 694,502	
	San Jose Water Company Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan	22	\$ 581,626	
R. Scott Yoo	San Jose Water Company Retirement Plan	23	\$ 783,761	
	San Jose Water Company Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan	23	\$ 787,656	

The pension benefits payable to the executive officers increase in correlation with increases in salary and years of service. The present value of the accrued pension benefit will also fluctuate from year to year based on the interest rate used to discount anticipated future payments so that when interest rates decrease for example, the present value associated with the underlying benefit may increase.

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The actuarial and economic assumptions used above to value the pension plan include the RP2000 Mortality Table, a 6.06 percent discount rate for San Jose Water Company's Retirement Plan and a 6.29 percent discount rate for the Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan (a discount rate of 6.50 percent was used for both plans for 2007), salary increases at 4 percent per year, Social Security wage increases at 3.5 percent, and CPI at 3 percent. Assumptions are made for pre-retirement withdrawal and early retirement. Similar assumptions are made in valuing the Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan except that, as is customary for such plans, there is no assumption for pre-retirement mortality or cessation of service, and retirement is assumed to occur at the earliest age at which each named executive officer can receive the pension benefits without actuarial reductions. For further information concerning such actuarial assumptions, please see Note 10 to the Corporation's consolidated financial statements included in its annual report on Form 10-K for the 2008 fiscal year.

Retirement Plan Benefit. Different benefits apply under San Jose Water Company's Retirement Plan (Retirement Plan) depending on whether an employee first commenced status as an employee (i) before March 31, 2008 or (ii) on or after March 31, 2008.

All the named executive officers, except for David A. Green, commenced service before March 31, 2008. The monthly retirement benefit under the Retirement Plan payable to each named executive officer, other than Mr. Green, at age 65, the plan's normal retirement age, will be equal to 1.6 percent of his or her average monthly compensation for each year of service completed after January 1, 1978. However, the Retirement Plan provides a minimum benefit to each participant with at least 30 years of service equal to 50 percent of his or her average monthly compensation for the three years of highest compensation prior to attainment of age 65 (or earlier retirement or termination date), less 50 percent of his or her monthly old-age insurance benefit under Section 202 of the Social Security Act. For participants with less than 30 years of service, the minimum benefit described in the preceding sentence will be reduced $\frac{1}{30}$ for each year by which their years of service are less than 30 years. The Retirement Plan also contains a special benefit calculation for each participant whose age and service equals or exceeds 75. Each of the named executive officers, other than Mr. Green, combined age and years of service equals or exceeds 75. The special benefit for each named executive officer, other than Mr. Green, with at least 30 years of service will therefore be equal to 60 percent of his or her average monthly compensation for the three years of highest compensation prior to attainment of age 65 (or earlier retirement or termination date), less 50 percent of his or her employee's monthly old-age insurance benefit under Section 202 of the Social Security Act. For those participants with less than 30 years of service, the special benefit described in the preceding sentence will be reduced $\frac{1}{30}$ for each year by which their years of service are less than 30 years. For purposes of such benefit calculation, (i) a participant's average monthly compensation is generally based upon the amount reported on his or her Form W-2 for federal income tax purposes for a given year, plus amounts deferred under the 401(k) plan and certain other limited deferrals and (ii) the annual compensation taken into account for benefit accrual purposes may not exceed the annual compensation limit determined in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code. No lump sum payment of accumulated retirement benefits is provided under the Retirement Plan for employees who first commenced status as an employee before March 31, 2008, except that (i) a participant age 65 or older can take an in-service distribution if his or her age and years of service equal at least 100 years and (ii) a lump sum distribution may become payable to the surviving beneficiary of a deceased participant under certain circumstances.

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The retirement benefits for employees who first commence service on or after March 31, 2008, including Mr. Green, will be based upon the compensation credits and interests credits made to a hypothetical bookkeeping account established for each such participant. Compensation credits will be made on behalf of each participant each plan quarter in which the participant is an eligible employee with at least one hour of service for that quarter. The amount of the compensation credit for that quarter will be based on the compensation paid to the participant for that quarter and his or her years of credited service, as determined in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of Credited Service	Percent of Compensation
Less than 5	5%
5 but less than 10	6%
10 but less than 15	7%
15 but less than 20	9%
20 or more	11%

For purposes of determining the amount of each participant's compensation credit, (i) compensation is generally based upon the amount that would otherwise be reported on the participant's Form W-2 for federal income tax purposes during the quarter, plus amounts deferred for that quarter under the 401(k) plan and certain other limited deferrals and (ii) the annual compensation may not exceed the annual compensation limit determined in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code.

Interest credits are also generally made on behalf of each participant each plan quarter. The amount of each interest credit is determined by multiplying the balance of the participant's account as of the last day of that plan quarter by the lesser of: (1) the greater of (A) 0.75 percent, or (B) 1/4 of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury bonds, determined as of the month of October preceding the first day of the Plan Year; and (2) 1.5 percent.

Benefits accrued under the Retirement Plan may be paid as (i) a fixed monthly pension for life, (ii) a reduced monthly benefit payable for life but with a minimum payment period of 10 years for the participant or his or her designated beneficiary or (iii) a reduced joint and survivor annuity for the participant and his or her surviving spouse. For participants who commence employee status on or after March 31, 2008, the accrued benefits may be paid in a lump sum, or pursuant to any of the forms described above, following attainment of the applicable age and service requirements.

All of the named executive officers, except for David A. Green, are currently eligible to receive early retirement benefits under the Retirement Plan in the event they retire. Mr. Green joined the Corporation after March 31, 2008 and participates in the cash balance portion of the Retirement Plan.

SERP Benefit. The Executive Supplemental Retirement Plan (SERP) provides participants with a monthly pension benefit that supplements the pension they earn under the Retirement Plan. Under the SERP, each officer of the Corporation who commenced employee status before March 31, 2008 will become eligible for participation on the first day of the month following the day he or she first becomes an officer. Eligible employees selected for SERP participation by the Executive Compensation Committee of the SJW Corp. Board of Directors (Committee) will become a participant on the first day of the first calendar month next following his or her selection date or such later date as the Committee may specify. All of the named executive officers other than Mr. Green participate in the SERP.

The SERP is designed to supplement the retirement income by providing an additional monthly pension in excess of the pension benefit under the Retirement Plan. The dollar amount of that monthly pension will be determined on the basis of the following normal retirement benefit payable as a single-life annuity commencing at age 65: (A) 2.2 percent of his or her final average monthly compensation multiplied by his or her years of service (not to exceed 20 years) plus (B) 1.6 percent of such final average monthly compensation multiplied by