

ROTH W RICHARD  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ROTH W RICHARD**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**110 W TAYLOR STREET**  
  
(Street)

**SAN JOSE, CA 95110**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SJW CORP [SJW]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**01/27/2009**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President & CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/27/2009		A	(A) or (D) Amount 14,000 (1)	\$ 0 171,774 (2)	D	
Common Stock	01/27/2009		A	(A) or (D) Amount 7,000 (3) (4)	\$ 0 178,774 (5)	D	
Common Stock					18,300	I	by Separate Property Trust

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROTH W RICHARD 110 W TAYLOR STREET SAN JOSE, CA 95110	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Suzy Papazian Attorney-in-Fact for W. Richard Roth  
Date: 01/29/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
  - (1) Represents 14,000 restricted stock units granted to the reporting person under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each restricted stock unit will entitle the reporting person to receive one share of the issuer's common stock when that unit vests. The units will vest in three successive equal annual installments upon the reporting person's completion of each year of service with the issuer over the three-year period measured from the issue date of the units, subject to accelerated vesting under certain prescribed circumstances. This grant does not include dividend equivalent rights.
  - (2) Includes 18,764 shares of Common Stock, 58,334 shares of underlying restricted stock units and 94,676 shares of deferred restricted stock, which may be subject in whole or in part to vesting schedules tied to Mr. Roth's continued service with the issuer or his performance, and which will be distributed as actual shares of common stock of the issuer either at the time of vesting or at a specified time thereafter (including termination of service with the issuer).
  - (3) Represents 7,000 performance-based restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on January 27, 2009 under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each unit will entitle the reporting person to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock when that unit vests. If the performance objective tied to the issuer's total shareholder return measured over the three-year period beginning January 1,

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2009 is attained and the reporting person continues in the issuer's employ through the end of that period, the 7,000 underlying shares of Common Stock will be issued to the reporting person in January 2012.

- (4) Such units will automatically convert into service-vesting units upon certain changes in control prior to the completion of the performance period. The performance or service vesting requirements may not be applicable, and the restricted stock units may vest without the satisfaction of those performance and/or service vesting requirements under certain prescribed circumstances. This grant does not include dividend equivalent rights.

- (5) Includes 18,764 shares of Common Stock, 65,334 shares of underlying restricted stock units and 94,676 shares of deferred restricted stock, which may be subject in whole or in part to vesting schedules tied to Mr. Roth's continued service with the issuer or his performance, and which will be distributed as actual shares of common stock of the issuer either at the time of vesting or at a specified time thereafter (including termination of service with the issuer).

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