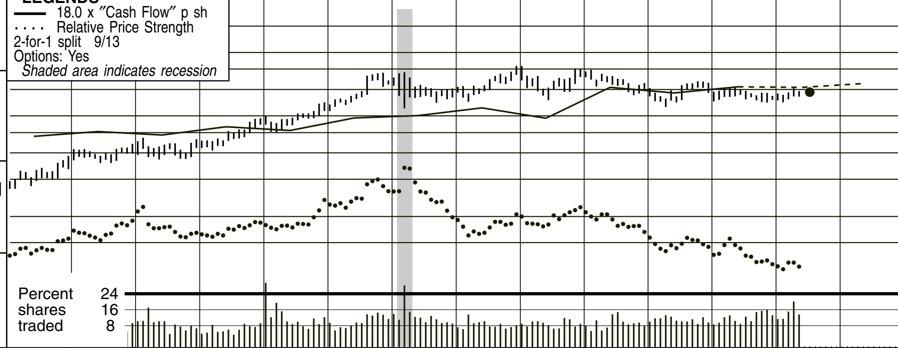
AMER. STATES WATER NYSE-AWR

RECENT PRICE	77.66	P/E RATIO	21.0 (Trailing: 22.6 / Median: 30.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	1.17	DIV'D YLD	2.8%	VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 3 Lowered 5/22/26
SAFETY 1 Raised 4/5/24
TECHNICAL 2 Raised 6/26/26
BETA .70 (1.00 = Market)

High:	44.1	47.2	58.4	69.6	96.0	96.6	103.8	103.4	99.2	87.5	82.9	81.2
Low:	35.8	37.3	41.1	50.1	63.3	65.1	70.1	71.2	75.2	66.0	69.4	69.5

LEGENDS
— 18.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh
.... Relative Price Strength
2-for-1 split 9/13
Options: Yes
Shaded area indicates recession



Target Price Range 2029 | 2030 | 2031: 160, 120, 100, 80, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 15

18-Month Target Price Range

Low-High	Midpoint (% to Mid)
$66-$101	$84 (10%)

2029-31 PROJECTIONS

	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High	135	(+75%)	17%
Low	110	(+40%)	11%

Institutional Decisions

	3Q2025	4Q2025	1Q2026
to Buy	177	127	187
to Sell	148	119	146
Hld's(000)	31289	31564	36897

Percent shares traded: 24, 16, 8

% TOT. RETURN 6/22/26

	THIS STOCK	VL ARITH.* INDEX
1 yr.	2.6	24.7
3 yr.	-4.4	61.3
5 yr.	5.8	44.7

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	29-31
10.71	11.12	12.12	12.19	12.17	12.56	11.92	12.01	11.88	12.86	13.24	13.51	13.30	16.11	15.61	16.84	***17.60***	***18.10***	Revenues per sh	***21.00***
2.11	2.13	2.48	2.65	2.67	2.81	2.70	2.96	2.84	3.26	3.34	3.64	3.25	4.55	4.29	4.59	***5.10***	***5.30***	"Cash Flow" per sh	***6.25***
1.11	1.12	1.41	1.61	1.57	1.61	1.62	1.88	1.72	2.28	2.33	2.55	2.11	3.36	3.17	3.37	***3.70***	***3.75***	Earnings per sh A	***4.55***
.52	.55	.64	.76	.83	.87	.91	.99	1.06	1.16	1.28	1.40	1.53	1.66	1.79	1.94	***2.10***	***2.28***	Div'd Decl'd per sh B■	***2.85***
2.12	2.13	1.77	2.52	1.89	2.39	3.55	3.08	3.44	4.12	3.54	3.91	4.50	5.10	6.08	6.06	***6.20***	***6.35***	Cap'l Spending per sh	***6.50***
10.13	10.84	11.80	12.72	13.24	12.77	13.52	14.45	15.19	16.33	17.39	18.57	19.20	20.99	24.12	26.76	***28.15***	***29.35***	Book Value per sh D	***33.75***
37.26	37.70	38.53	38.72	38.29	36.50	36.57	36.68	36.76	36.85	36.89	36.94	36.96	36.98	38.15	39.08	***39.25***	***39.50***	Common Shs Outst'g C	***40.00***
15.7	15.4	14.3	17.2	20.1	24.6	25.6	25.7	34.0	34.4	34.3	33.2	41.0	25.7	24.5	22.4	*Bold figures are*		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	***26.5***
1.00	.97	.91	.97	1.06	1.24	1.34	1.29	1.84	1.83	1.76	1.79	2.37	1.43	1.28	1.17	*Value Line*		Relative P/E Ratio	***1.45***
3.0%	3.2%	3.1%	2.7%	2.6%	2.2%	2.2%	2.0%	1.8%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.3%	2.6%	*estimates*		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	***2.4%***

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/26
Total Debt $790.9 mill.
LT Debt $782.7 mill. **LT Interest** $40.0 mill. (42% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals $2.4 mill.
Pension Assets-12/25 $243.3 mill. **Oblig.** $200.7 mill.
Pfd Stock None

Common Stock 39,192,653 shs. as of 5/5/26

MARKET CAP: $3.0 billion (Small Cap)

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		29-31
436.1	440.6	436.8	473.9	488.2	498.9	491.5	595.7	595.5	658.1	***700***	***725***	Revenues ($mill)	***840***
59.7	69.4	63.9	84.3	86.4	94.3	78.4	124.9	119.3	130.4	***145***	***150***	Net Profit ($mill)	***180.0***
36.8%	36.0%	22.0%	22.6%	24.6%	24.4%	23.2%	25.0%	20.2%	23.2%	***23.0%***	***23.0%***	Income Tax Rate	***24.0%***
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39.4%	38.0%	40.5%	44.4%	47.2%	46.1%	39.9%	52.8%	46.7%	43.0%	***41.5%***	***40.5%***	Long-Term Debt Ratio	***37.0%***
60.6%	62.0%	59.5%	55.6%	52.8%	53.9%	60.1%	47.2%	53.3%	57.0%	***58.5%***	***59.5%***	Common Equity Ratio	***63.0%***
815.3	854.9	938.4	1082.5	1216.2	1272.6	1181.5	1643.2	1725.4	1828.3	***1890***	***1945***	Total Capital ($mill)	***2135***
1150.9	1205.0	1296.3	1415.7	1512.0	1626.0	1753.8	1892.3	2099.6	2296.3	***2400***	***2625***	Net Plant ($mill)	***3100***
8.6%	9.3%	7.9%	8.9%	8.0%	8.3%	7.6%	8.8%	8.3%	8.2%	***8.5%***	***8.5%***	Return on Total Cap'l	***9.5%***
12.1%	13.1%	11.4%	14.0%	13.5%	13.8%	11.0%	16.1%	13.0%	12.5%	***13.0%***	***13.0%***	Return on Shr. Equity	***13.5%***
12.1%	13.1%	11.4%	14.0%	13.5%	13.8%	11.0%	16.1%	13.0%	12.5%	***13.0%***	***13.0%***	Return on Com Equity	***13.5%***
5.3%	6.2%	4.5%	6.9%	6.1%	6.2%	3.1%	8.2%	5.7%	5.2%	***5.5%***	***5.0%***	Retained to Com Eq	***5.0%***
56%	52%	61%	51%	55%	55%	72%	49%	56%	58%	***57%***	***61%***	All Div'ds to Net Prof	***63%***

CURRENT POSITION ($MILL.)	2024	2025	3/31/26
Cash Assets	26.7	18.8	22.2
Accts Receivable	37.7	38.2	39.7
Other	168.9	174.1	159.5
Current Assets	233.3	231.1	221.4
Accts Payable	88.6	86.0	79.4
Debt Due	124.4	8.2	8.2
Other	72.5	80.4	94.0
Current Liab.	285.5	174.6	181.6

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '23-'25 to '29-'31
Revenues	2.0%	4.0%	*5.0%*
"Cash Flow"	4.5%	6.0%	*6.5%*
Earnings	6.5%	8.0%	*7.0%*
Dividends	8.5%	9.0%	*8.0%*
Book Value	5.5%	7.0%	*7.5%*

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES ($ mill.) Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Full Year
2023	161.4	157.4	151.7	125.2	595.7
2024	135.3	155.3	161.8	143.1	595.5
2025	148.3	163.1	182.4	164.3	658.1
2026	162.9	***175***	***187.1***	***175***	***700***
2027	***165***	***185***	***195***	***180***	***725***

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE A Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Full Year
2023	.93	1.03	.85	.55	3.36
2024	.62	.85	.95	.75	3.17
2025	.70	.87	1.06	.74	3.37
2026	.76	***.94***	***1.15***	***.85***	***3.70***
2027	***.76***	***.97***	***1.22***	***.80***	***3.75***

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B■ Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2022	.365	.365	.3975	.3975	1.53
2023	.3975	.3975	.43	.43	1.66
2024	.43	.43	.4655	.4655	1.79
2025	.4655	.4655	.504	.504	1.94
2026	.504	.504			

BUSINESS: American States Water Co. operates as a holding company. Through its principal subsidiary, Golden State Water Co., it supplies water to 265,142 customers in 11 California counties. Service areas include the metropolitan areas of Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The company also provides electricity to 24,915 customers in Big Bear Lake and San Bernardino Cnty. Provides water & wastewater services to U.S. military bases through its ASUS subsidiary. Sold Chaparral City Wtr. of AZ. (6/11). Employs 900. BlackRock, Inc. owns 16.9% of out. shares; Vanguard, 11.8%; off. & dir., 0.9% (4/26 Proxy). Chair.: Anne M. Holloway. Pres. & CEO: Robert Sprowls. Inc: CA. Addr.: 630 East Foothill Blvd., San Dimas, CA 91773. Tel.: 909-394-3600. Internet: www.aswater.com.

American States Water got off to a strong start this year. In the first quarter, earnings per share rose a healthy 9%, as the company recorded year-over-year income gains in its Water (+6%), Contracted Services (+15%), and Electric (+14%) business segments.

Earnings ought to rise by a double-digit percentage in 2026 before flattening out in 2027. The firm's Golden State Water Co. is benefiting from higher rates that were authorized to be implemented in 2025 and 2026. Based on California regulations, water utilities only file rate cases triennially. This means that higher rates needed to cover anticipated inflation can often be insufficient. Thus, the company's bottom line frequently does worse during the final year of the cycle. The process is about to begin again, as the water utility was supposed to file a case for the next cycle (2028-2030) right after this Issue went to press.

Nonregulated operations are the swing factor here. Earnings from the water and electric utility segments are relatively predictable. However, results from the private water business can fluctuate. The ASUS subsidiary is involved in running water services on U.S. military bases. ASUS has a successful track record of winning some of the available 50-year contracts to run the government facilities. In this business, returns are typically greater than those generated in the utility operations where state authorities limit the return on investment. This year, this operation could account for approximately 18% of American States' net income.

The regulatory climate has not been bad. The state of California is often criticized as being a place where it is difficult to run a business. However, the Golden State Water subsidiary has been treated constructively in the past. Nevertheless, we are closely watching events in the state to see if there is any change in the current philosophy.

These shares do not stand out for their potential near-term performance. Neither the one-year or 18-month prospects look enticing. Over the next three- to five-year period, projected total return are worthwhile for a stock with a 1 (Highest) Safety rank.

James A. Flood *July 3, 2026*

(A) Primary earnings. Excludes nonrecurring gains/(losses):; '10, (23¢); '11, 10¢. Next earnings report due early August.
(B) Dividends historically paid in early March, June, September, and December. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available.
(C) In millions, adjusted for split.
(D) Includes intangibles. As of 12/31/25; $6.1 million/$0.16 a share.

Company's Financial Strength	A
Stock's Price Stability	95
Price Growth Persistence	50
Earnings Predictability	80

AMERICAN WATER NYSE-AWK

RECENT PRICE **124.92** | P/E RATIO **20.5** (Trailing: 22.1 / Median: 29.0) | RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.15** | DIV'D YLD **2.9%** | VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 4 Lowered 5/30/25
SAFETY 2 Raised 10/4/24
TECHNICAL 3 Lowered 5/29/26
BETA .75 (1.00 = Market)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
High:	61.2	85.2	92.4	98.2	129.9	172.6	189.6	189.3	162.6	150.7	155.5	141.2
Low:	48.4	58.9	70.0	76.0	88.0	92.0	131.0	122.8	114.3	113.3	118.7	120.6

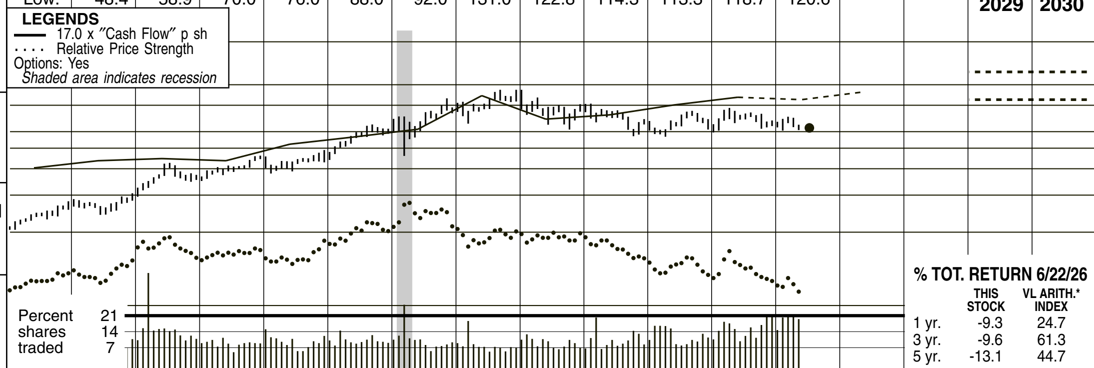
18-Month Target Price Range
Low-High Midpoint (% to Mid)
$106-$177 $142 (15%)

2029-31 PROJECTIONS

	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High	230	(+85%)	19%
Low	170	(+35%)	11%

Institutional Decisions

	3Q2025	4Q2025	1Q2026
to Buy	508	352	534
to Sell	464	461	519
Hld's(000)	180583	181000	215608



% TOT. RETURN 6/22/26

	THIS STOCK	VL ARITH.* INDEX
1 yr.	-9.3	24.7
3 yr.	-9.6	61.3
5 yr.	-13.1	44.7

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	29-31
15.49	15.18	16.25	16.28	16.78	17.72	18.54	18.81	19.04	19.97	20.83	21.58	20.85	21.74	24.03	27.67	*26.55*	*28.45*	Revenues per sh	*33.00*
3.56	3.73	4.27	4.36	4.75	5.13	5.26	5.14	6.15	6.65	7.24	10.46	8.08	8.46	9.43	10.27	*10.80*	*11.60*	"Cash Flow" per sh	*13.25*
1.53	1.72	2.11	2.06	2.39	2.64	2.62	2.38	3.15	3.43	3.91	6.95	4.51	4.90	5.39	5.69	*6.05*	*6.60*	Earnings per sh A	*8.00*
.86	.90	1.21	.84	1.21	1.33	1.47	1.62	1.78	1.96	2.15	2.36	2.57	2.78	3.00	3.25	*3.50*	*3.75*	Div'd Decl'd per sh B■	*4.90*
4.38	5.27	5.25	5.50	5.33	6.51	7.36	8.04	8.78	9.15	10.05	9.71	12.63	13.22	14.65	16.02	*17.50*	*16.50*	Cap'l Spending per sh	*15.00*
23.59	24.11	25.11	26.52	27.39	28.25	29.24	30.13	32.42	33.83	35.58	40.18	42.30	50.31	53.01	55.52	*60.20*	*62.75*	Book Value per sh D	*72.80*
175.00	175.66	176.99	178.25	179.46	178.28	178.10	178.44	180.68	180.81	181.30	181.61	181.86	194.73	194.92	195.18	*203.50*	*204.00*	Common Shs Outst'g C	*206.00*
14.6	16.8	16.7	19.9	20.0	20.5	27.7	33.8	27.3	32.9	35.3	23.6	33.6	28.6	24.4	25.6	*Bold figures are*		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	*25.0*
.93	1.05	1.06	1.12	1.05	1.03	1.45	1.70	1.47	1.75	1.81	1.28	1.94	1.59	1.28	1.33	*Value Line*		Relative P/E Ratio	*1.40*
3.8%	3.1%	3.4%	2.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.1%	1.7%	1.6%	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%	2.3%	2.4%	*estimates*		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	*2.5%*

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		29-31
3302.0	3357.0	3440.0	3610.0	3777.0	3920.0	3792.0	4234.0	4684.0	5140.0	*5420*	*5800*	Revenues ($mill)	*6800*
468.0	426.0	567.0	621.0	709.0	1263.0	820.0	944.0	1051.0	1111.0	*1230*	*1345*	Net Profit ($mill)	*1650*
39.2%	53.3%	28.2%	25.5%	23.3%	23.0%	18.7%	21.1%	22.7%	21.9%	*22.0%*	*22.5%*	Income Tax Rate	*22.0%*
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52.4%	54.7%	56.3%	58.5%	59.1%	58.6%	58.7%	54.5%	54.8%	54.0%	*54.0%*	*55.0%*	Long-Term Debt Ratio	*56.0%*
47.5%	45.3%	43.6%	41.4%	40.9%	41.4%	41.3%	45.5%	45.2%	46.0%	*46.0%*	*45.0%*	Common Equity Ratio	*46.0%*
10967	11875	13433	14760	15787	17639	18619	21512	22850	23617	*26000*	*28000*	Total Capital ($mill)	*34000*
14992	16246	17409	18232	19710	21084	23223	25438	28038	30576	*32000*	*34000*	Net Plant ($mill)	*40000*
5.6%	4.9%	5.4%	5.4%	5.7%	8.2%	5.5%	5.4%	.7%	5.8%	*6.0%*	*6.0%*	Return on Total Cap'l	*6.0%*
9.0%	7.9%	9.7%	10.1%	11.0%	17.3%	10.7%	9.6%	10.2%	10.3%	*10.0%*	*10.5%*	Return on Shr. Equity	*11.0%*
9.0%	7.9%	9.7%	10.1%	11.0%	17.3%	10.7%	9.6%	10.2%	10.3%	*10.0%*	*10.5%*	Return on Com Equity	*11.0%*
4.0%	2.5%	4.2%	4.4%	5.0%	11.4%	4.6%	4.2%	4.5%	4.1%	*4.5%*	*4.5%*	Retained to Com Eq	*4.5%*
56%	68%	56%	57%	55%	34%	57%	56%	56%	60%	*57%*	*57%*	All Div'ds to Net Prof	*61*

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/26
Total Debt $15646 mil.
LT Debt $12766 mil. **LT Interest** $500.0 mil. (54% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals $12.0 mill.
Pension Assets 12/25 $1411.0 mill **Oblig.** $1518.0 mill.
Pfd Stock $3.0 mill. **Pfd Div'd** $.1 mill

Common Stock 195,280,521 shares as of 4/20/26

MARKET CAP: $24.4 billion (Large Cap)

CURRENT POSITION ($MILL.)	2024	2025	3/31/26
Cash Assets	125	119	156
Accts Receivable	416	395	386
Other	74	1677	982
Current Assets	1215	2191	1524
Accts Payable	346	378	272
Debt Due	1516	3067	2880
Other	1288	1302	966
Current Liab.	3150	4747	4118

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '23-'25 to '29-'31
Revenues	3.0%	3.0%	6.0%
"Cash Flow"	7.0%	7.5%	6.5%
Earnings	8.5%	10.5%	7.0%
Dividends	10.0%	9.5%	8.5%
Book Value	6.5%	8.5%	7.5%

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES ($ mill.) Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Full Year
2023	938.0	1097	1167	1032	4234.0
2024	1011	1149	1323	1201	4684.0
2025	1142	1276	1451	1271	5140.0
2026	1207	*1363*	*1550*	*1300*	*5420*
2027	*1300*	*1450*	*1600*	*1450*	*5800*

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE A Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Full Year
2023	.91	1.45	1.66	.88	4.90
2024	.95	1.42	1.80	1.22	5.39
2025	1.05	1.48	1.94	1.22	5.69
2026	1.01	*1.59*	*2.10*	*1.35*	*6.05*
2027	*1.20*	*1.70*	*2.25*	*1.45*	*6.60*

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B■ Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2022	.6025	.655	.655	.655	2.57
2023	.655	.7075	.7075	.7075	2.78
2024	.7075	.765	.765	.765	3.00
2025	.765	.8275	.8275	.8275	3.25
2026	.8275	.895			

BUSINESS: American Water Works Company, Inc. is the largest investor-owned water and wastewater utility in the U.S., providing services to approximately 14 million people in 24 states. Nonregulated business assists municipalities and military bases with the maintenance and upkeep as well. Regulated operations made up 92% of 2025 revenues. Pennsylvania (24%); New Jersey (23%); Missouri (12%); and Illinois (12%) are its largest markets. Has 7,000 employees. Vanguard owns 12.3% of outstanding shares; BlackRock, 10.1%; State St., 5.7%; officers & directors, less than 1.0% (3/26 Proxy). President & Chief Executive Officer: M. Susan Hardwick. Address: 1 Water Street, Camden, NJ 08102. Telephone: 856-346-8200. Internet: www.amwater.com.

American Water Works' acquisition of Essential Utilities has reached another milestone in the lengthy approval process. Last October, the largest member of the Water Utility Industry agreed to merge with the second largest entity in a deal valued at over $60 billion when debt is included. (Essential stockholders will receive .305 of a share of American Water for each share held.) The boards and shareholders had already consented to the transaction. Since we last went to press three months ago, authorities from the states of Kentucky, Ohio, and Virginia have also signed on to the terms. Because the two utilities operate in many states, a final settlement is not expected to be completed until the first quarter in 2027.

We continue to think the deal will be beneficial to ratepayers and owners of the stock. The water industry in the United States is extremely fragmented, as it consists of thousands of small local water companies. For some time, American Water has been buying up these types of mostly municipally run water districts. By eliminating duplicate functions and other measures, it has consistently been able to reduce costs and improve margins on the acquisitions. This has enabled American Water to grow the asset base while keeping the water bills of its residential customers relatively low. Once the merger is complete, a spinoff of Essentials' large gas utility business is possible at some point.

Earnings prospects remain healthy. Thanks to higher rates being implemented in several states, we think American Water's share earnings can rise 6% this year and another 9% in 2027.

Expenditures to replace aging infrastructure ought to remain hefty. Through 2030, the company estimates that nearly $20 billion will be spent replacing pipes. The outlays ought to be handled without overleveraging the balance sheet.

These shares are ranked to underperform the market averages in the coming year. Conservative investors with a long-term horizon might find the stock of interest, however. In addition to an Above Average (2) Safety rank, it has a low Beta co-efficient and a very favorable score for Price Stability..

James A. Flood *July 3, 2026*

(A) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring losses: '11, $0.07. Discontinued operations: '11, $0.03; '12, ($0.10); '13,($0.01). GAAP used 2014-2025. Includes $2.70 sh. gain from sale of HOS sub. in Q4,'21. Next earnings report due early August.
(B) Dividends paid in March, June, September, and December. ■ Div. reinvestment available.
(C) In millions. (D) Includes intangibles. On 12/31/25: $1.156 billion, $5.92/share.

Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	90
Price Growth Persistence	50
Earnings Predictability	65

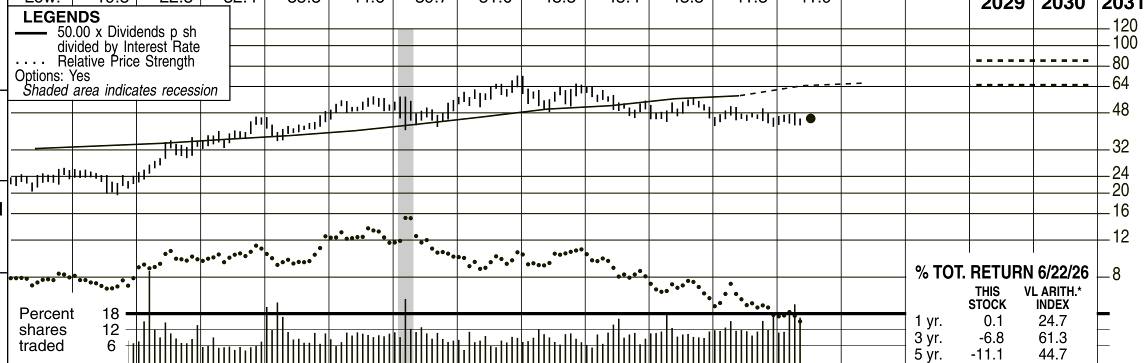
CALIFORNIA WATER NYSE-CWT

RECENT PRICE	45.20	P/E RATIO	18.1 (Trailing: 22.6 / Median: 29.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	1.01	DIV'D YLD	3.0%	VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS	4 Lowered 5/30/25
SAFETY	2 Raised 4/5/24
TECHNICAL	3 Raised 7/3/26
BETA .75 (1.00 = Market)	

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
High:	26.0	36.8	46.2	49.1	57.5	57.4	72.1	72.0	63.9	56.3	51.6	48.1
Low:	19.5	22.5	32.4	35.3	44.6	39.7	51.0	48.5	45.4	43.5	41.3	41.9

LEGENDS
— 50.00 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate
.... Relative Price Strength
Options: Yes
Shaded area indicates recession



Target Price Range 2029 | 2030 | 2031

18-Month Target Price Range

Low-High	Midpoint (% to Mid)
$38-$62	$50 (10%)

2029-31 PROJECTIONS

	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High	85	(+90%)	19%
Low	65	(+45%)	12%

Institutional Decisions

	3Q2025	4Q2025	1Q2026
to Buy	151	96	185
to Sell	139	127	119
Hld's(000)	50460	49459	58072

Percent shares traded 18 12 6

% TOT. RETURN 6/22/26

	THIS STOCK	VL ARITH.* INDEX
1 yr.	0.1	24.7
3 yr.	-6.8	61.3
5 yr.	-11.1	44.7

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	29-31
11.05	12.00	13.34	12.23	12.50	12.29	12.70	13.89	14.53	14.72	15.78	14.72	15.22	13.77	17.43	16.77	*18.35*	*19.15*	Revenues per sh	*22.15*
1.93	2.07	2.32	2.21	2.47	2.22	2.34	3.00	3.11	3.14	3.88	3.91	3.79	3.03	5.46	4.57	*5.10*	*5.60*	"Cash Flow" per sh	*6.25*
.91	.86	1.02	1.02	1.19	.94	1.01	1.40	1.36	1.31	1.97	1.96	1.77	.91	3.26	2.15	*2.50*	*2.75*	Earnings per sh A	*3.10*
.60	.62	.63	.64	.65	.67	.69	.72	.75	.79	.85	.92	1.00	1.04	1.12	1.20	*1.34*	*1.38*	Div'd Decl'd per sh B ■	*1.55*
2.97	2.83	3.04	2.58	2.76	3.69	4.77	5.40	5.65	5.64	5.93	5.46	5.90	6.65	7.91	8.67	*10.85*	*13.65*	Cap'l Spending per sh	*12.00*
10.45	10.76	11.28	12.54	13.11	13.41	13.75	14.44	15.19	16.07	18.30	21.92	23.70	24.72	27.49	28.35	*31.55*	*35.55*	Book Value per sh C	*40.35*
41.67	41.82	41.98	47.74	47.81	47.88	47.97	48.01	48.07	48.53	50.33	53.72	55.60	57.72	59.48	59.64	*60.00*	*60.00*	Common Shs Outst'g D	*60.00*
20.3	21.3	17.9	20.1	19.7	24.8	29.6	26.9	30.3	39.3	24.9	30.5	33.0	NMF	15.3	21.5	*Bold figures are*		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	*24.0*
1.29	1.34	1.14	1.13	1.04	1.25	1.55	1.35	1.64	2.09	1.28	1.65	1.91	NMF	.80	1.12	*Value Line*		Relative P/E Ratio	*1.30*
3.2%	3.4%	3.5%	3.1%	2.8%	2.9%	2.3%	1.9%	1.8%	1.5%	1.7%	1.5%	1.7%	1.9%	2.3%	2.6%	*estimates*		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	*2.1%*

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/26
Total Debt $1702.8 mill.
LT Debt $1472.0 mill. LT Interest $80.0 mill.
(Total interest coverage: 1.5x) (47% of Cap'l)

Pension Assets-12/25 $845.0 mill.
Oblig. $778.4 mill.

Pfd Stock None

Common Stock 59,853,262 shs.
as of 4/20/26

MARKET CAP: $2.7 billion (Small Cap)

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		29-31
609.4	666.9	698.2	714.6	794.3	790.9	846.4	794.6	1036.8	1000.1	*1100*	*1150*	Revenues ($mill) E	*1330*
48.7	67.2	65.6	63.1	96.8	101.1	96.0	51.9	190.8	128.2	*150*	*165*	Net Profit ($mill)	*185*
35.5%	30.1%	24.5%	19.1%	11.1%	20.1%	3.3%	- -	18.3%	13.0%	*20.0%*	*20.0%*	Income Tax Rate	*20.0%*
6.1%	3.5%	3.1%	5.8%	3.3%	1.7%	- -	- -	1.7%	2.9%	*3.0%*	*3.0%*	AFUDC % to Net Profit	*4.0%*
44.6%	42.7%	49.3%	50.2%	45.9%	47.3%	44.4%	42.5%	40.3%	46.5%	*46.0%*	*46.0%*	Long-Term Debt Ratio	*45.0%*
55.4%	57.3%	50.7%	49.8%	54.1%	52.7%	55.6%	57.5%	59.7%	53.5%	*54.0%*	*54.0%*	Common Equity Ratio	*55.0%*
1191.2	1209.3	1440.2	1566.7	1702.4	2233.4	2370.1	2479.5	2739.8	3161.3	*3500*	*3950*	Total Capital ($mill)	*4400*
1859.3	2048.0	2232.7	2406.4	2650.6	2846.9	3058.9	3773.3	4134.6	4579.6	*5075*	*5725*	Net Plant ($mill)	*6350*
5.5%	7.1%	5.9%	5.5%	7.0%	5.5%	5.0%	3.1%	7.9%	4.1%	*4.5%*	*4.0%*	Return on Total Cap'l	*4.0%*
7.4%	9.7%	9.0%	8.1%	10.5%	8.6%	7.3%	3.6%	11.7%	7.6%	*8.0%*	*7.5%*	Return on Shr. Equity	*7.5%*
7.4%	9.7%	9.0%	8.1%	10.5%	8.6%	7.3%	3.6%	11.7%	7.6%	*8.0%*	*7.5%*	Return on Com Equity	*7.5%*
2.4%	4.7%	4.0%	3.2%	6.0%	4.6%	3.2%	NMF	7.7%	3.3%	*4.0%*	*4.0%*	Retained to Com Eq	*4.0%*
68%	51%	55%	60%	43%	47%	56%	114%	34%	56%	*54%*	*50%*	All Div'ds to Net Prof	*50%*

CURRENT POSITION ($MILL.)

	2024	2025	3/31/26
Cash Assets	50.1	51.8	58.1
Other	274.0	302.6	317.1
Current Assets	324.1	354.4	375.2
Accts Payable	167.5	175.7	164.8
Debt Due	72.4	132.3	230.8
Other	298.5	110.2	149.4
Current Liab.	538.4	418.2	545.0

ANNUAL RATES

of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '23-'25 to '29-'31
Revenues	2.0%	1.5%	*8.5%*
"Cash Flow"	6.0%	6.0%	*3.5%*
Earnings	6.5%	8.0%	*9.5%*
Dividends	5.0%	7.0%	*5.5%*
Book Value	7.5%	10.5%	*5.5%*

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES ($ mill.)E Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2023	131.1	194.0	255.0	214.5	794.6
2024	270.7	244.3	299.6	222.2	1036.8
2025	204.0	265.0	311.2	219.9	1000.1
2026	214.6	*290*	*340*	*255.4*	*1100*
2027	*225*	*305*	*355*	*265*	*1150*

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE A Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2023	d.40	.17	.60	.52	.91
2024	1.21	.70	1.03	.33	3.26
2025	.22	.71	1.03	.19	2.15
2026	.07	*.85*	*1.20*	*.38*	*2.50*
2027	*.10*	*.95*	*1.30*	*.40*	*2.75*

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B ■ Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2022	.250	.250	.250	.250	1.00
2023	.260	.260	.260	.260	1.04
2024	.280	.280	.280	.280	1.12
2025	.300	.300	.300	.300	1.20
2026	.335	.335			

BUSINESS: California Water Service Group provides regulated and nonregulated water service to 499,400 customers in 100 communities in the state of California. Accounts for about 90% of total customers. Also operates in Washington, New Mexico, and Hawaii. Main service areas: San Francisco Bay area, Sacramento Valley, Salinas Valley, San Joaquin Valley & parts of Los Angeles. Acquired Rio Grande Corp; West Hawaii Utilities (9/08). Revenue breakdown, '25: residential, 68%; business, 20%; industrial, 3%; public authorities, 6%; other 3%. Off. and dir. own 1% of common stock (4/26 proxy). Has 1,336 employees. Pres. and CEO: Martin A. Kropelnicki. Inc.: DE. Addr.: 1720 North First St., San Jose, CA 95112-4598. Tel.: 408-367-8200. Internet: www.calwatergroup.com.

California Water's first quarter results were mixed but not a cause for alarm. Reported revenue of $215 million was up from $204 million a year earlier, but came in moderately below our $225 million estimate. Too, net income was lower than our expectations, falling to $4 million, or $0.07 per share, from over $13 million, or $0.22 a share in 2025. Higher depreciation, interest expense, tax pressure, and lower consumption were to blame, while the delayed rate case decision had not yet been reflected in results. So, while the quarter did not reflect a persistent deterioration, the earnings decline serves as a reminder that the business depends heavily on timely regulatory recovery. That is particularly true as the company continues to invest substantially, with first-quarter capital spending rising 18% to $130 million, mainly for infrastructure and water-quality improvements.

This year now looks clearer. California regulators approved the 2024 rate case, which should support a stronger second-half result as new rates take effect and are applied retroactively to January 1st. However, the company must still manage a large capital plan, customer affordability pressures, and potential financing needs tied to infrastructure spending and the pending Nexus acquisition.

Nexus broadens the footprint. The acquisition would expand California Water's Nevada and Oregon operations and push about 20% of its total connections outside the Golden State. It also adds wastewater assets, supporting the company's broader move into western water and wastewater infrastructure. The deal may close by the end of the year.

Our outlook is based on continued essential infrastructure growth. Priorities over the next several years include expanding its footprint, investing in aging systems, and meeting tougher water-quality rules tied to PFAS/PFOA and potentially microplastics. Water scarcity and drought planning also support the need for long-term investment, but customer affordability, financing costs, and the regulatory backdrop remain key risks.

The stock is untimely (4), but it could offer long-term investors good upside and an above-average dividend yield.

Earl B. Humes *July 3, 2026*

(A) Next earnings report due late July.
(B) Dividends historically paid in late Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available.
(C) Incl. intangible assets. In '25 : $76.9 mill., $1.29/sh.
(D) In millions.
(E) Excludes non-regulated revenues.

Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	90
Price Growth Persistence	45
Earnings Predictability	45

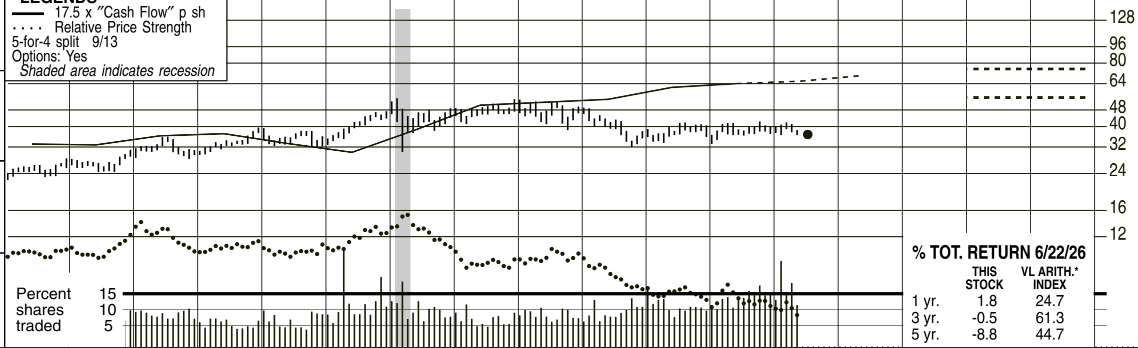
ESSENTIAL UTIL. NYSE-WTRG

RECENT PRICE	36.68	P/E RATIO	15.9 (Trailing: 18.2; Median: 26.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	0.89	DIV'D YLD	3.7%	VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS — E
SAFETY 2 Raised 4/5/24
TECHNICAL — E
BETA .80 (1.00 = Market)

High:	31.1	35.8	39.6	39.4	47.3	54.5	53.9	53.7	49.3	41.8	42.4	41.8
Low:	24.4	28.0	29.4	32.1	32.7	30.4	41.1	38.5	32.1	33.6	33.2	36.1

LEGENDS
—— 17.5 x "Cash Flow" p sh
. . . . Relative Price Strength
5-for-4 split 9/13
Options: Yes
Shaded area indicates recession



Target Price Range 2029 | 2030 | 2031

18-Month Target Price Range

Low-High	Midpoint (% to Mid)
$31-$50	$41 (10%)

2029-31 PROJECTIONS

	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High	75	(+105%)	*22%*
Low	55	(+50%)	*13%*

Institutional Decisions

	3Q2025	4Q2025	1Q2026
to Buy	345	228	311
to Sell	253	252	319
Hld's(000)	230535	226605	251239

Percent shares traded 15 10 5

% TOT. RETURN 6/22/26

	THIS STOCK	VL ARITH.* INDEX
1 yr.	1.8	24.7
3 yr.	-0.5	61.3
5 yr.	-8.8	44.7

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	29-31
4.21	4.10	4.32	4.32	4.37	4.61	4.62	4.56	4.71	4.03	5.96	7.43	8.68	7.52	7.59	8.74	*9.60*	*10.10*	Revenues per sh	*11.05*
1.42	1.45	1.51	1.82	1.89	1.87	2.07	2.12	1.90	1.73	2.21	2.89	2.98	3.08	3.51	3.65	*3.75*	*4.00*	"Cash Flow" per sh	*4.15*
.72	.83	.87	1.16	1.20	1.14	1.32	1.35	1.08	1.04	1.12	1.67	1.77	1.86	2.17	2.20	*2.30*	*2.50*	Earnings per sh	*2.85*
.47	.50	.54	.58	.63	.69	.74	.79	.85	.91	.97	1.04	1.11	1.19	1.27	1.33	*1.43*	*1.50*	Div'd Decl'd per sh B	*1.75*
1.89	1.90	1.98	1.73	1.84	2.07	2.16	2.69	2.78	2.49	3.41	4.04	4.03	4.39	4.84	5.25	*5.25*	*5.00*	Cap'l Spending per sh	*5.00*
6.81	7.21	7.90	8.63	9.27	9.78	10.43	11.02	11.28	17.58	19.09	20.50	20.39	21.57	22.56	24.22	*23.45*	*23.95*	Book Value per sh D	*26.80*
172.46	173.60	175.43	177.93	178.59	176.54	177.39	177.71	178.09	220.76	245.39	252.87	263.74	273.30	274.82	283.08	*283.50*	*282.00*	Common Shs Outst'g C	*280.00*
21.1	21.3	21.9	21.2	20.8	23.5	23.9	24.7	32.6	39.1	39.6	28.3	26.6	21.6	17.5	17.4	*Bold figures are*		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	*23.0*
1.34	1.34	1.39	1.19	1.09	1.18	1.25	1.24	1.76	2.08	2.03	1.53	1.54	1.20	.91	.90	*Value Line*		Relative P/E Ratio	*1.30*
3.1%	2.8%	2.8%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.4%	3.0%	3.3%	3.5%	*estimates*		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	*2.8%*

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/26
Total Debt $8477.5 mill.
LT Debt $8415.4 mill. **LT Interest** $300.0 mill.
(54% of Cap'l)

Pension Assets-12/25 $295.6 mill.
Oblig. $288.2 mill.
Pfd Stock None
Common Stock 283,633,000 shares
as of 4/27/26

MARKET CAP: $10.4 billion (Mid Cap)

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		29-31
819.9	809.5	838.1	889.7	1462.7	1878.1	2288.0	2053.8	2086.1	2474.6	*2725*	*2855*	Revenues ($mill)	*3100*
234.2	239.7	192.0	224.5	284.8	431.6	465.2	498.2	595.3	616.4	*655*	*705*	Net Profit ($mill)	*795*
8.2%	6.6%	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	.6%	*5.0%*	*10.0%*	Income Tax Rate	*20.0%*
3.8%	6.3%	6.8%	7.2%	4.5%	4.8%	1.3%	2.2%	2.2%	1.3%	*2.0%*	*2.0%*	AFUDC % to Net Profit	*2.0%*
48.4%	50.6%	54.4%	43.1%	54.0%	52.7%	54.2%	53.7%	54.3%	54.3%	*54.0%*	*54.5%*	Long-Term Debt Ratio	*54.5%*
51.6%	49.4%	45.6%	56.9%	46.0%	47.3%	45.8%	46.3%	45.7%	45.7%	*46.0%*	*45.5%*	Common Equity Ratio	*45.5%*
3587.7	3965.4	4407.8	6824.2	10192	10964	11748	12722	13567	14989	*14450*	*14850*	Total Capital ($mill)	*16500*
5001.6	5399.9	5930.3	6345.8	9512.9	10252	11131	12097	13143	14290	*14500*	*15250*	Net Plant ($mill)	*17100*
7.6%	7.1%	5.5%	4.2%	3.7%	4.8%	5.0%	5.0%	5.4%	5.2%	*4.5%*	*5.0%*	Return on Total Cap'l	*5.0%*
12.7%	12.2%	9.6%	5.8%	6.1%	8.3%	8.7%	8.5%	9.6%	9.0%	*10.0%*	*10.5%*	Return on Shr. Equity	*10.5%*
12.7%	12.2%	9.6%	5.8%	6.1%	8.3%	8.7%	8.5%	9.6%	9.0%	*10.0%*	*10.5%*	Return on Com Equity	*10.5%*
5.6%	5.1%	2.1%	.9%	1.1%	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	4.0%	3.5%	*3.5%*	*4.0%*	Retained to Com Eq	*4.0%*
56%	59%	79%	84%	82%	60%	62%	64%	58%	61%	*57%*	*58%*	All Div'ds to Net Prof	*62%*

CURRENT POSITION ($MILL.)	2024	2025	3/31/26
Cash Assets	9.2	34.8	75.9
Receivables	294.5	384.3	418.5
Inventory (AvgCst)	93.9	112.5	72.1
Other	88.3	78.8	56.1
Current Assets	485.9	610.4	622.6
Accts Payable	306.3	276.1	172.0
Debt Due	329.3	204.1	62.1
Other	339.1	284.3	420.3
Current Liab.	974.7	764.5	654.4

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '23-'25 to '29-'31
Revenues	6.0%	10.0%	*5.0%*
"Cash Flow"	6.5%	12.0%	*4.0%*
Earnings	6.0%	14.0%	*5.5%*
Dividends	7.0%	7.0%	*5.5%*
Book Value	9.5%	7.5%	*2.5%*

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES ($ mill.) Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2023	726.5	436.7	411.1	479.5	2053.8
2024	612.1	434.4	435.3	604.3	2086.1
2025	783.6	514.9	477.0	699.1	2474.6
2026	861.8	*575*	*535*	*753.2*	*2725*
2027	*865*	*615*	*575*	*800*	*2855*

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE A Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2023	.72	.34	.30	.50	1.86
2024	.97	.28	.25	.67	2.17
2025	1.03	.38	.33	.47	2.20
2026	.83	*.40*	*.35*	*.72*	*2.30*
2027	*.97*	*.42*	*.38*	*.73*	*2.50*

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B ■ Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2022	.2682	.2682	.287	.287	1.11
2023	.287	.287	.3071	.3071	1.19
2024	.3071	.3071	.3255	.3255	1.27
2025	.326	.326	.342	.342	1.33
2026	.342	.342			

BUSINESS: Essential Utilities, Inc. became the new name for Aqua America on Feb. 3, 2020, to reflect the acquisition of Peoples, a natural gas utility, which occurred in 3/20. In 2025, the company provided water and wastewater services in the states of PA, OH, TX, IL, NC, NJ, IN, VA, NS, WS. Acquired AquaSource, 7/13; N. Maine Util., 7/15; and others. Water respn. for 54% of revenues in 2025; residential, 30%; commercial, 8%; industrial, wastewater & other, 16%. Gas 45%; other, 1%. Employs 3,291. Off. & dir. own less than 1% of the common stock; BlackRock, 12.6%; Vanguard, 9.9%; (3/26 proxy). President & CEO: Christopher Franklin. Inc.: PA Addr.: 762 W Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. Tel.: 610-525-1400. Internet: www.essential.com.

Essential Water's previously-announced plan to merge with American Water remains on track to be completed early next year. Notably, the transaction is valued at around $63 billion, inclusive of debt, with Essential shareholders set to receive 0.305 shares of American Water for each WTRG share held. The merger received shareholder and board of director approval from both companies. Most recently, approvals from state regulators in Kentucky and Ohio pushed the transaction several steps closer to being finalized. Additional regulatory approvals from all public utility commissions are still required, along with customary closing conditions. At this time, we do not anticipate any hurdles between now and the projected closing period.

The domestic water utility posted good results for the first quarter of 2026. Revenues of $862 million topped consensus expectations, and improved 10% year over year. The top line was aided by a mix of recoveries from rate case approvals and increased volumes. Meanwhile, adjusted earnings of $0.83 per share contracted year over year, although the like-2025 comparison included gains from one-time income tax benefits. On balance, we are lifting our full-year 2026 revenue estimate from $2.665 billion, to $2.725 billion, but are lowering our earnings call from $2.50 per share, to $2.30.

A wider customer base and aggressive capital investments are probably on tap for the remainder of 2026. First, Essential recently completed the $18 million purchase of Greenville Municipal Water Authority in Pennsylvania, which ought to add roughly 3,000 customers into the fold. In the meantime, the company has a pending acquisition pipeline of nearly $285 million. On top of this, investment in infrastructure upgrades is apt to continue. Essential spent about $270 million in the first quarter to improve water and natural gas operating systems, and is on track to invest approximately $1.7 billion in 2026.

Unranked Essential Utilities shares may appeal to income-seeking accounts. The deal is likely to be completed early next year. Meanwhile, the above-average dividend yield is enticing.

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(A) Dil. egs. Represents non-GAAP earnings or loss starting in 2025. Includes unusual gain: '24, Q1, 24¢; Excludes nr gain: '12, 18¢. Excludes gains from dis. operations: '12, 7¢; '13, 9¢; '14, 11¢. Next egs. report late August.
(B) Dividends historically paid in early March, June, Sept., & Dec. ■ Div'd. reinvestment plan available (5% discount).
(C) In millions, adjusted for stock split.
(D) Includes intangibles: 12/31/25, $2.351 bill./$8.31 a share.
(E) Suspended due to pending merger.

Company's Financial Strength	A
Stock's Price Stability	95
Price Growth Persistence	30
Earnings Predictability	85

GLOBAL WATER RES. NDQ--GWRS

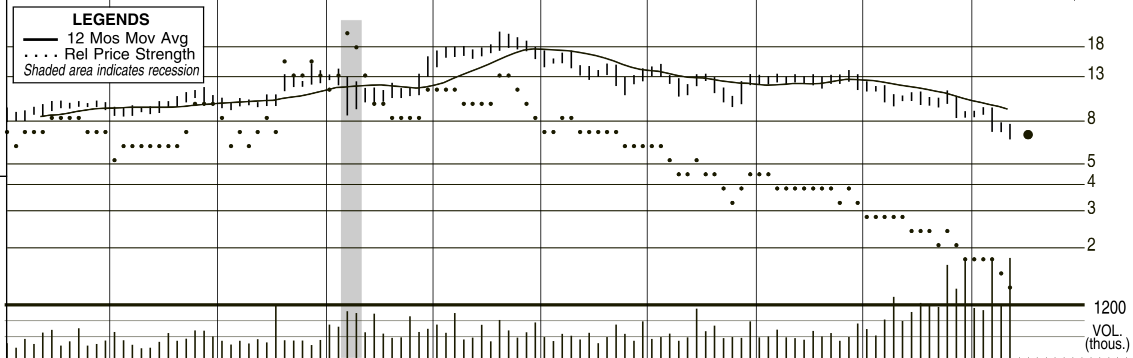
RECENT PRICE	TRAILING P/E RATIO	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	DIV'D YLD	
6.90	86.3	4.85	4.4%	VALUE LINE

RANKS

PERFORMANCE	4	Below Average
Technical	4	Below Average
SAFETY	3	Average
BETA .90		(1.00 = Market)

Financial Strength	B
Price Stability	75
Price Growth Persistence	30
Earnings Predictability	45

High	10.00	11.61	14.99	16.20	21.25	17.35	14.95	13.98	12.32	9.31
Low	7.90	8.40	9.00	8.50	14.40	10.61	9.34	11.24	8.28	6.55



© VALUE LINE PUBLISHING LLC	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026/2027
REVENUES PER SH	1.59	1.65	1.65	1.71	1.85	1.87	2.17	2.18	1.94	
"CASH FLOW" PER SH	.58	.49	.49	.45	.58	.65	.79	.76	.64	
EARNINGS PER SH	.23	.15	.10	.05	.16	.24	.33	.24	.11	***.08*** [A,B]***/.11*** [C]
DIV'DS DECL'D PER SH	.28	.28	.29	.29	.29	.30	.30	.30	.30	
CAP'L SPENDING PER SH	1.06	.22	.52	.40	.81	1.42	.91	1.33	2.34	
BOOK VALUE PER SH	.76	1.30	1.15	1.43	1.33	1.86	1.99	1.97	3.01	
COMMON SHS OUTST'G (MILL)	19.63	21.47	21.54	22.59	22.65	23.87	24.49	24.23	28.76	
AVG ANN'L P/E RATIO	40.1	63.9	NMF	NMF	NMF	58.9	36.7	52.2	93.1	***86.3/62.7***
RELATIVE P/E RATIO	2.01	3.61	NMF	NMF	NMF	3.90	2.26	2.96	5.26	
AVG ANN'L DIV'D YIELD	3.0%	3.0%	2.6%	2.5%	1.7%	2.1%	2.5%	2.4%	3.0%	
REVENUES ($MILL)	31.2	35.5	35.5	38.6	41.9	44.7	53.0	52.7	55.8	***Bold figures are consensus earnings estimates and, using the recent prices, P/E ratios.***
OPERATING MARGIN	45.7%	47.1%	43.2%	42.4%	39.3%	40.0%	44.7%	41.9%	40.4%	
DEPRECIATION ($MILL)	6.9	7.5	8.4	9.0	9.5	10.1	11.4	12.7	15.4	
NET PROFIT ($MILL)	4.6	3.1	2.2	1.1	3.6	5.5	8.0	5.8	3.0	
INCOME TAX RATE	--	36.5%	34.3%	41.1%	24.2%	14.5%	26.5%	26.4%	25.8%	
NET PROFIT MARGIN	14.6%	8.7%	6.3%	2.9%	8.6%	12.3%	15.1%	11.0%	5.3%	
WORKING CAP'L ($MILL)	.7	7.7	2.2	11.1	2.1	d2.1	d2.5	d2.8	d4.6	
LONG-TERM DEBT ($MILL)	114.4	114.5	114.7	112.7	108.9	104.9	103.7	118.5	133.5	
SHR. EQUITY ($MILL)	14.9	27.9	24.7	32.2	30.0	44.4	48.6	47.6	86.6	
RETURN ON TOTAL CAP'L	5.5%	4.0%	3.5%	2.6%	4.5%	5.0%	6.8%	5.3%	2.7%	
RETURN ON SHR. EQUITY	30.6%	11.1%	9.0%	3.4%	12.0%	12.4%	16.4%	12.2%	3.4%	
RETAINED TO COM EQ	NMF	11.1%	NMF	NMF	12.0%	12.4%	1.6%	NMF	NMF	
ALL DIV'DS TO NET PROF	119%	--	NMF	NMF	--	--	90%	NMF	NMF	

[A]No. of analysts changing earn. est. in last 22 days: 0 up, 0 down, consensus 5-year earnings growth not available. [B]Based upon one analyst's estimate. [C]Based upon one analyst's estimate.

ANNUAL RATES

of change (per share)	5 Yrs.	1 Yr.
Sales	4.5%	-11.0%
"Cash Flow"	9.0%	-16.5%
Earnings	18.0%	-54.0%
Dividends	1.0%	1.5%
Book Value	12.5%	53.5%

Fiscal Year	QUARTERLY SALES ($mill.) 1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full Year
12/31/23	13.1	13.0	14.5	12.4	53.0
12/31/24	11.6	13.5	14.3	13.3	52.7
12/31/25	12.6	14.2	15.5	13.5	55.8
12/31/26	13.3				

Fiscal Year	EARNINGS PER SHARE 1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full Year
12/31/22	.04	.09	.07	.04	.24
12/31/23	.10	.07	.11	.05	.33
12/31/24	.03	.07	.12	.02	.24
12/31/25	.02	.06	.06	d.03	.11
12/31/26	d.01	***.03***	***.05***	***.01***	

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID 1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full Year
2023	.074	.074	.074	.074	.30
2024	.075	.075	.075	.075	.30
2025	.076	.076	.076	.076	.30
2026	.076	.076			

INSTITUTIONAL DECISIONS

	3Q'25	4Q'25	1Q'26
to Buy	40	32	55
to Sell	33	36	39
Hld's(000)	8015	8098	8323

ASSETS ($mill.)	2024	2025	3/31/26
Cash Assets	9.0	4.1	1.8
Receivables	3.2	7.7	8.6
Inventory	.0	.0	.0
Other	7.3	2.8	3.0
Current Assets	19.5	14.6	13.4
Property, Plant & Equip, at cost	513.0	614.8	- -
Accum Depreciation	153.6	169.0	- -
Net Property	359.4	445.8	449.2
Other	26.2	34.9	22.5
Total Assets	405.1	495.3	485.1
LIABILITIES ($mill.)			
Accts Payable	2.1	2.3	1.4
Debt Due	3.9	4.8	4.8
Other	16.3	12.1	13.6
Current Liab	22.3	19.2	19.8

LONG-TERM DEBT AND EQUITY as of 3/31/26

Total Debt $135.5 mill. **Due in 5 Yrs.** NA
LT Debt $130.7 mill.
Including Cap. Leases NA
(61% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals NA

Pension Liability None in '25 vs. None in '24

Pfd Stock None **Pfd Div'd Paid** None

Common Stock 28,764,000 shares
(39% of Cap'l)

INDUSTRY: Water Utility

BUSINESS: Global Water Resources, Inc. is a water resource management company that owns and operates 39 water, wastewater, and recycled water systems in strategically located communities, principally in metropolitan Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona. It seeks to deploy an integrated approach, referred to as "Total Water Management." Total Water Management is a comprehensive approach to water utility management that reduces demand on scarce non-renewable water sources and costly renewable water supplies, in a manner that ensures sustainability and greatly benefits communities both environmentally and economically. The company treats water to potable standards and also treats, cleans, and recycles wastewater for a variety of uses. Recycled water is created by taking wastewater and applying advanced tertiary treatment to create a high quality, non-potable water source. Has 129 employees. Chairman, C.E.O. & President: Ron L. Fleming Address: 21410 N. 19th Avenue #220, Phoenix, AZ 85027. Tel.: (480) 360-7775. Internet: www.gwresources.com.

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TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN

Dividends plus appreciation as of 6/22/2026

3 Mos.	6 Mos.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.
-6.75%	-17.39%	-30.86%	-39.68%	-53.31%

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RECENT PRICE	56.70	P/E RATIO	17.4 (Trailing: 19.0; Median: 26.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	0.97	DIV'D YLD	3.0%	VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 4 Lowered 5/1/26
SAFETY 3 Lowered 11/21/25
TECHNICAL 2 Raised 6/26/26
BETA .75 (1.00 = Market)

18-Month Target Price Range

Low-High	Midpoint (% to Mid)
$36-$67	$52 (-10%)

2029-31 PROJECTIONS

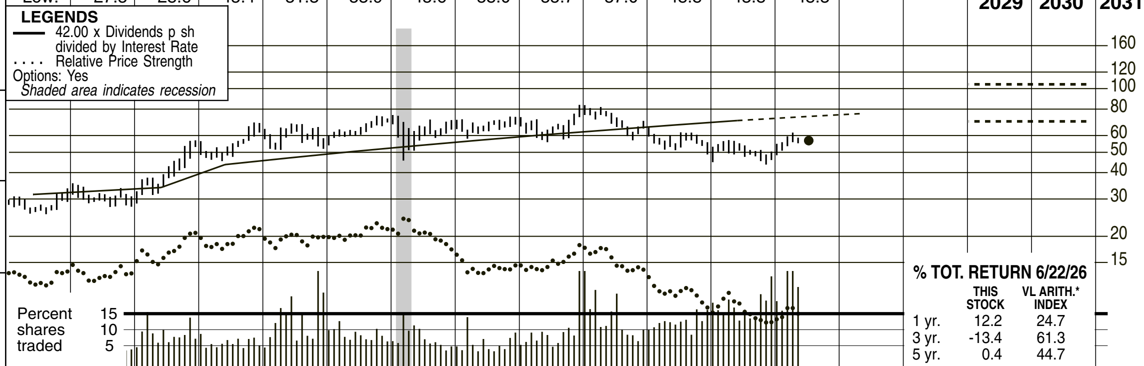
	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High	105	(+85%)	18%
Low	70	(+25%)	8%

Institutional Decisions

	3Q2025	4Q2025	1Q2026
to Buy	154	108	214
to Sell	117	92	90
Hld's(000)	29366	30225	44354

High:	35.7	56.9	69.3	68.4	74.5	75.0	73.7	83.9	83.7	66.2	57.2	61.9
Low:	27.5	28.6	45.4	51.3	53.9	45.6	58.0	55.7	57.0	48.8	43.8	48.3

LEGENDS
— 42.00 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate
.... Relative Price Strength
Options: Yes
Shaded area indicates recession



% TOT. RETURN 6/22/26

	THIS STOCK	VL ARITH.* INDEX
1 yr.	12.2	24.7
3 yr.	-13.4	61.3
5 yr.	0.4	44.7

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	29-31
11.62	12.85	14.01	13.73	15.76	14.97	16.61	18.97	14.00	14.78	19.77	19.01	20.15	20.93	22.26	22.17	**20.60**	**21.20**	Revenues per sh	**22.40**
2.38	2.80	2.97	2.90	4.42	3.86	4.76	5.24	3.29	3.13	5.28	5.13	5.79	6.03	6.22	6.18	**4.45**	**4.65**	"Cash Flow" per sh	**5.00**
.84	1.11	1.18	1.12	2.54	1.85	2.57	2.86	1.82	.82	2.14	2.03	2.43	2.68	2.87	2.99	**3.25**	**3.45**	Earnings per sh A	**3.75**
.68	.69	.71	.73	.75	.78	.81	1.04	1.12	1.20	1.28	1.36	1.44	1.52	1.60	1.68	**1.75**	**1.82**	Div'd Decl'd per sh BD■	**1.95**
5.65	3.75	5.67	4.68	5.02	5.24	6.95	7.26	5.08	6.25	7.44	8.32	7.85	9.01	11.22	14.48	**10.50**	**9.75**	Cap'l Spending per sh	**8.75**
13.75	14.20	14.71	15.92	17.75	18.83	20.61	22.57	31.31	31.27	32.12	34.28	36.06	38.52	40.65	42.66	**38.55**	**39.00**	Book Value per sh	**42.50**
18.55	18.59	18.67	20.17	20.29	20.38	20.46	20.52	28.40	28.46	28.56	30.18	30.80	32.02	33.63	36.12	**41.50**	**41.00**	Common Shs Outst'g C	**40.00**
29.1	21.2	20.4	24.3	11.2	16.6	15.7	18.8	32.7	NMF	30.0	32.9	27.3	26.4	19.9	16.9	*Bold figures are*		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	**23.0**
1.85	1.33	1.30	1.37	.59	.84	.82	.95	1.77	NMF	1.54	1.78	1.58	1.47	1.04	.88	*Value Line*		Relative P/E Ratio	**1.30**
2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	2.7%	2.6%	2.5%	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%	2.2%	2.1%	2.8%	3.3%	*estimates*		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	**2.2%**

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/26
Total Debt $1874.1 mill.
LT Debt $1865.5 mill. **LT Interest** $50.0 mill.
(LT Interest Coverage: 7.5x)
(55% of Cap'l)

Pension Assets-12/25 $323.5 mill.
Oblig. $293.1 mill.
Pfd Stock None.
Common Stock 41,839,500 shs.

MARKET CAP: $2.4 billion (Small Cap)

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		29-31
339.7	389.2	397.7	420.5	564.5	573.7	620.7	670.4	748.4	800.6	**855**	**870**	Revenues ($mill)	**895**
52.8	59.2	38.8	23.4	61.5	60.5	73.8	85.0	94.0	102.6	**135**	**142**	Net Profit ($mill)	**150**
38.8%	36.7%	20.6%	26.4%	12.0%	12.2%	10.3%	6.5%	8.7%	10.7%	**21.0%**	**21.0%**	Income Tax Rate	**21.0%**
- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	6.4%	- -	6.4%	7.2%	**2.5%**	**2.5%**	AFUDC % to Net Profit	**2.5%**
50.7%	48.2%	32.7%	59.1%	58.4%	59.1%	57.3%	55.3%	55.5%	54.8%	**49.0%**	**46.0%**	Long-Term Debt Ratio	**39.5%**
49.3%	51.8%	67.3%	40.9%	41.6%	40.9%	42.7%	44.7%	44.5%	45.2%	**51.0%**	**54.0%**	Common Equity Ratio	**60.5%**
855.0	894.3	1320.7	2173.6	2204.7	2527.5	2602.8	2760.1	3073.9	3407.6	**3150**	**3050**	Total Capital ($mill)	**2850**
1146.4	1239.3	1328.8	2206.5	2334.9	2497.5	2630.3	3155.6	4473.5	3923.3	**3950**	**4000**	Net Plant ($mill)	**4150**
7.4%	7.9%	3.9%	1.8%	4.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	**4.5%**	**5.0%**	Return on Total Cap'l	**6.0%**
12.5%	12.8%	4.4%	2.6%	6.7%	5.8%	6.6%	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%	**8.5%**	**8.5%**	Return on Shr. Equity	**9.0%**
12.5%	12.8%	4.4%	2.6%	6.7%	5.8%	6.6%	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%	**8.5%**	**8.5%**	Return on Com Equity	**9.0%**
8.6%	8.2%	1.8%	NMF	2.7%	2.0%	2.7%	3.0%	3.1%	2.9%	**4.0%**	**4.0%**	Retained to Com Eq	**4.0%**
31%	36%	60%	NMF	59%	66%	59%	56%	55%	57%	**54%**	**53%**	All Div'ds to Net Prof	**52%**

CURRENT POSITION ($MILL.)	2024	2025	3/31/26
Cash Assets	11.1	20.7	153.0
Accts Receivable	68.7	141.9	140.0
Other	110.9	28.0	30.4
Current Assets	190.7	190.6	323.4
Accts Payable	56.3	75.4	62.9
Debt Due	3.6	110.3	8.6
Other	201.3	87.7	88.5
Current Liab.	261.2	273.4	160.0

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '23-'25 to '29-'31
Revenues	4.0%	6.0%	3.0%
"Cash Flow"	5.0%	9.5%	-2.5%
Earnings	4.5%	12.5%	5.0%
Dividends	8.0%	6.0%	3.5%
Book Value	9.0%	5.0%	3.5%

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES ($ mill.) Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Full Year
2023	137.3	156.9	204.8	171.4	670.4
2024	149.4	176.2	225.1	197.7	748.4
2025	167.6	198.3	240.6	194.1	800.6
2026	183.3	**205**	**245**	**221.7**	**855**
2027	**185**	**210**	**250**	**225**	**870**

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE A Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Full Year
2023	.37	.58	1.13	.59	2.68
2024	.36	.64	1.17	.68	2.87
2025	.50	.75	1.27	.45	2.99
2026	.50	**.75**	**1.33**	**.67**	**3.25**
2027	**.60**	**.77**	**1.35**	**.73**	**3.45**

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID BD■ Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2022	.36	.36	.36	.36	1.44
2023	.38	.38	.38	.38	1.52
2024	.40	.40	.40	.40	1.60
2025	.42	.42	.42	.42	1.68
2026	.44	.44			

BUSINESS: H2O America engages in the production, purchase, storage, purification, distribution, and retail sale of water. It provides water service to approximately 232,000 connections with a total population of roughly one million people in the San Jose area and 16,000 connections that reach about 90,000 residents in the region between San Antonio and Austin, Texas. The company merged with Connecticut Water (10/19) and services approx. 143,000 connections. H2O America changed its name from SJW Group in early 2025. Has 837 employees. Officers and directors own less than 1.0% of outstanding shares (4/26 proxy). C.E.O.: Andrew F. Walters. Inc.: California. Addr.: 110 West Taylor Street, San Jose, CA 95110. Tele.: (408) 279-7800. Internet: www.h2o-america.com.

H2O America's previously announced acquisition of Quadvest is expected to close within the back half of this year. To fund the $540 million purchase of the Texas-based water utility company, H2O raised roughly $550 million in capital via the issuance of common stock. At this time, applications for the transaction are still moving through the regulatory process, pending a 120-day approval process from the Public Utilities Commission of Texas. Based on Quadvest's projected rate of growth, H2O anticipates that the company's customer base in Texas, in terms of total consolidated customers for H2O, is likely to balloon from a current 8% to approximately 25% over the next three years.

The company delivered good results to start 2026. March-period revenues of $183 million surpassed our call by about 8 million, thanks primarily to customer rate increases, particularly in California, Texas, and Connecticut. Higher water usage also played a role. Meanwhile, earnings of $0.50 per share mirrored the previous-year tally, as increased water production and operating expenses kept a lid on bottom-line growth during the period. All things considered, for the full-year 2026, we are maintaining our forecast for mid-single-digit top- and bottom-line growth.

Capital investment should remain robust in the years ahead. Indeed, reinvesting back into the company's water delivery systems and wastewater operations is vital for long-term vitality. For 2026, management plans to spend roughly $485 million on infrastructure upgrades, while the total investment budget is apt to approach $2.7 billion over the pull to next decade. Notably, the company will probably recoup a good portion of this spending via increased customer water rates.

Shares of H2O America ought to appeal to income-seeking investors with a long-term bent. Supported by an above-average dividend yield, total return potential out to 2029-2031 is enticing. On the other hand, the stock has slipped one notch for Timeliness, to 4, and is now pegged to underperform the broader market averages over the coming six to 12 months.

Nicholas Patrikis *July 3, 2026*

(A) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring losses: '10, $0.46. GAAP accounting as of 2013, non-GAAP starting in 2025. Next earnings report due early August. Quarterly egs. may not add due to rounding.
(B) Dividends historically paid in early March, June, September, and December. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available.
(C) In millions.
(D) Paid special dividend of $0.17 per share on 11/17.

Company's Financial Strength	B+
Stock's Price Stability	90
Price Growth Persistence	30
Earnings Predictability	55

MIDDLESEX WATER NDQ-MSEX

RECENT PRICE	51.78	P/E RATIO	20.7 (Trailing: 21.6) (Median: 28.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	1.16	DIV'D YLD	2.8%	VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 4 Lowered 5/30/25
SAFETY 3 Lowered 7/4/25
TECHNICAL 3 Raised 6/26/26
BETA .75 (1.00 = Market)

18-Month Target Price Range

Low-High **Midpoint (% to Mid)**
$40-$73 $57 (10%)

2029-31 PROJECTIONS

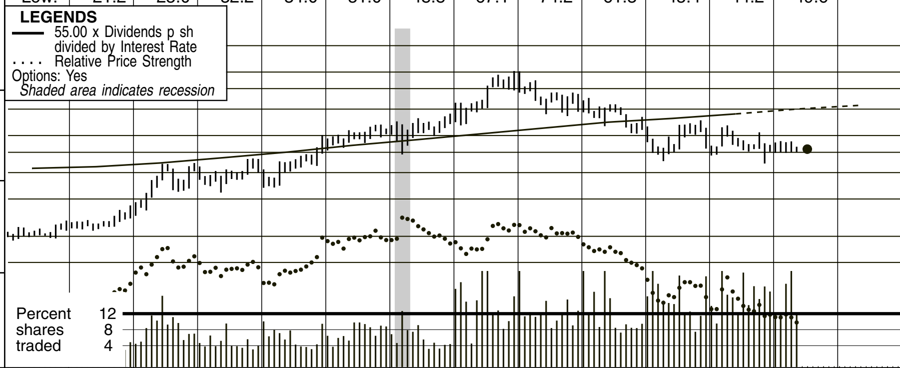
	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High	105	(+105%)	*21%*
Low	70	(+35%)	*10%*

Institutional Decisions

	3Q2025	4Q2025	1Q2026
to Buy	106	62	112
to Sell	87	82	80
Hld's(000)	14363	15221	16730

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
High:	28.0	44.5	46.7	60.3	67.7	76.1	121.4	121.1	90.6	70.7	67.1	56.5
Low:	21.2	25.0	32.2	34.0	51.0	48.8	67.1	74.2	61.3	45.4	44.2	49.6

LEGENDS
— 55.00 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate
.... Relative Price Strength
Options: Yes
Shaded area indicates recession



Target Price Range

2029	2030	2031

160
120
100
80
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% TOT. RETURN 6/22/26

	THIS STOCK	VL ARITH.* INDEX
1 yr.	-5.2	24.7
3 yr.	-32.2	61.3
5 yr.	-32.3	44.7

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	29-31
6.60	6.50	6.98	7.19	7.26	7.77	8.16	8.00	8.42	7.72	8.10	8.17	9.21	9.33	10.73	10.51	***10.95***	***11.60***	**Revenues per sh**	***12.05***
1.55	1.46	1.56	1.72	1.84	1.97	2.17	2.24	2.89	2.90	3.25	3.28	3.70	3.41	4.04	3.99	***3.55***	***3.80***	**"Cash Flow" per sh**	***4.30***
.96	.84	.90	1.03	1.13	1.22	1.38	1.38	1.96	2.01	2.18	2.07	2.39	1.76	2.47	2.36	***2.50***	***2.75***	**Earnings per sh A**	***3.25***
.72	.73	.74	.75	.76	.78	.81	.86	.91	.98	1.04	1.11	1.18	1.26	1.32	1.38	***1.46***	***1.52***	**Div'd Decl'd per sh B■**	***1.65***
1.90	1.50	1.36	1.26	1.40	1.59	2.91	3.08	4.40	5.11	6.04	4.53	5.18	5.06	4.17	5.20	***5.45***	***5.65***	**Cap'l Spending per sh**	***6.00***
11.13	11.27	11.48	11.82	12.24	12.74	13.40	14.02	15.17	18.57	19.81	20.99	22.65	23.74	24.89	26.67	***27.45***	***27.65***	**Book Value per sh**	***28.30***
15.57	15.70	15.82	15.96	16.12	16.23	16.30	16.35	16.40	17.43	17.47	17.52	17.64	17.82	17.89	18.52	***18.75***	***19.00***	**Common Shs Outst'g C**	***19.50***
17.8	21.7	20.8	19.7	18.5	19.1	25.6	28.4	22.2	29.7	30.1	44.3	38.6	42.8	23.6	23.4	***Bold figures are***		**Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio**	***27.0***
1.13	1.36	1.32	1.11	.97	.96	1.34	1.43	1.20	1.58	1.55	2.39	2.23	2.38	1.23	1.22	***Value Line***		**Relative P/E Ratio**	***1.50***
4.2%	4.0%	4.0%	3.7%	3.7%	3.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.1%	1.6%	1.6%	1.2%	1.3%	1.7%	2.3%	2.5%	***estimates***		**Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield**	***1.9%***
						132.9	130.8	138.1	134.6	141.6	143.1	162.4	166.3	191.9	194.7	***205***	***220***	**Revenues ($mill)**	***235***
						22.7	22.8	32.5	33.9	38.4	36.5	42.4	31.5	44.4	42.8	***47.0***	***52.0***	**Net Profit ($mill)**	***64.0***
						34.0%	32.7%	2.8%	- -	- -	- -	7.1%	3.2%	13.5%	10.1%	***21.0%***	***21.0%***	**Income Tax Rate**	***21.0%***
						2.7%	3.1%	1.4%	3.4%	3.9%	- -	- -	- -	3.9%	1.5%	***2.0%***	***3.0%***	**AFUDC % to Net Profit**	***3.0%***
						37.9%	37.5%	37.8%	41.5%	44.0%	45.3%	41.9%	45.7%	44.1%	43.5%	***38.5%***	***37.5%***	**Long-Term Debt Ratio**	***34.5%***
						61.5%	61.8%	61.6%	58.2%	55.7%	54.4%	57.7%	54.0%	55.7%	56.4%	***61.0%***	***62.5%***	**Common Equity Ratio**	***65.5%***
						355.4	370.7	404.1	556.7	621.5	676.3	692.7	783.2	799.7	876.1	***840***	***845***	**Total Capital ($mill)**	***850***
						517.8	557.2	618.5	705.7	796.6	865.4	920.6	998.3	1067.1	1161.5	***1185***	***1200***	**Net Plant ($mill)**	***1275***
						7.1%	6.9%	8.9%	6.7%	6.8%	6.0%	6.8%	4.8%	6.3%	5.7%	***6.0%***	***6.5%***	**Return on Total Cap'l**	***8.0%***
						10.3%	9.8%	12.9%	10.4%	11.0%	9.9%	10.5%	7.4%	9.9%	8.6%	***9.0%***	***9.5%***	**Return on Shr. Equity**	***11.5%***
						10.3%	9.9%	13.0%	10.4%	11.1%	9.9%	10.6%	7.4%	9.9%	8.4%	***9.0%***	***10.0%***	**Return on Com Equity**	***11.5%***
						4.3%	3.8%	7.0%	5.4%	5.8%	4.6%	5.4%	2.1%	4.7%	3.3%	***4.0%***	***4.5%***	**Retained to Com Eq**	***5.5%***
						58%	62%	46%	48%	48%	53%	49%	72%	53%	58%	***58%***	***55%***	**All Div'ds to Net Prof**	***52%***

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/26
Total Debt $425.8 mill.
LT Debt $371.7 mill. **LT Interest** $7.5 mill.
(Total interest coverage: 8.4x)
(42% of Cap'l)

Pension Assets-12/24 $104.0 mill.
Oblig. $89.1 mill.
Pfd Stock $2.4 mill. **Pfd Div'd:** $.1 mill.

Common Stock 18,624,000 shs.
as of 4/29/26

MARKET CAP: $975 million (Small Cap)

CURRENT POSITION ($MILL.)	**2024**	**2025**	**3/31/26**
Cash Assets	4.2	2.8	2.0
Other	38.8	39.0	44.8
Current Assets	43.0	41.8	46.8
Accts Payable	28.1	31.3	29.5
Debt Due	7.7	36.7	54.7
Other	47.1	25.8	35.5
Current Liab.	82.9	93.8	119.7

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	**Past 10 Yrs.**	**Past 5 Yrs.**	**Est'd '23-'25 to '29-'31**
Revenues	3.0%	4.5%	*3.5%*
"Cash Flow"	7.5%	5.0%	*2.5%*
Earnings	7.0%	1.5%	*8.0%*
Dividends	5.5%	6.0%	*4.0%*
Book Value	7.5%	7.0%	*2.5%*

Cal-endar	**QUARTERLY REVENUES ($ mill.) Mar.31**	**Jun. 30**	**Sep. 30**	**Dec. 31**	**Full Year**
2023	38.2	42.8	46.7	38.6	166.3
2024	40.5	49.1	55.1	47.2	191.9
2025	44.3	49.3	54.1	47.0	194.7
2026	48.7	***51.0***	***55.0***	***50.3***	***205***
2027	***52.0***	***55.0***	***60.0***	***53.0***	***220***

Cal-endar	**EARNINGS PER SHARE A Mar.31**	**Jun. 30**	**Sep. 30**	**Dec. 31**	**Full Year**
2023	.33	.55	.56	.32	1.76
2024	.59	.59	.80	.49	2.47
2025	.53	.60	.77	.46	2.36
2026	.57	***.67***	***.75***	***.51***	***2.50***
2027	***.65***	***.72***	***.80***	***.58***	***2.75***

Cal-endar	**QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B■ Mar.31**	**Jun.30**	**Sep.30**	**Dec.31**	**Full Year**
2022	.29	.29	.29	.3125	1.18
2023	.3125	.3125	.3125	.325	1.26
2024	.325	.325	.325	.34	1.32
2025	.34	.34	.34	.36	1.38
2026	.36	.36			

BUSINESS: Middlesex Water Company engages in the ownership and operation of regulated water utility systems in New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. It also operates water and wastewater systems under contract on behalf of municipal and private clients in NJ and DE. Its Middlesex System provides water services to 61,000 retail customers, primarily in Middlesex County, New Jersey. In 2025, the Middlesex System accounted for 67% of operating revenues. At 12/31/25, the company had 395 employees. Incorporated: NJ. President, CEO, and Chairman: Dennis W. Doll. Officers & directors own 1.9% of the com. stock; BlackRock Inst. Trust Co., 18.0% (4/26 proxy). Add.: 485 C Route 1 South, Suite 400, Iselin, NJ 08830. Tele.: 732-634-1500. Int.: www.middlesexwater.com.

Middlesex Water shares have traded relatively rangebound for the better part of a year. Indeed, the stock price is down notably from its peak in late 2021, and there have been few catalysts to boost investor sentiment in recent periods. Moreover, financial results over the past few quarters have left something to be desired. On balance, our Timeliness Ranking System suggests that MSEX shares are poised to trail the broader market over the coming six to 12 months (4: Below Average).

We are lowering our current-year top- and bottom-line estimates at this juncture. The regulated water utility posted weaker-than-anticipated results for the March period. First-quarter 2026 revenues clocked in at $48.7 million, coming in shy of our $50.0 million call, while earnings of $0.57 per share also missed our mark. Both figures logged modest year-over-year advances, largely due to resilient customer consumption and previously implemented base rate increases. Operating costs edged up during the period owing to higher production expenses, but this was partly offset by revenue expansion. All told, we are shaving $5 million and $0.10 from our full-year 2026 revenue and earnings calls, to $205 million and $2.50 per share, respectively.

The long-term holds more promise. To start, we look for annual customer rate increases to be par for the course. On top of this, the company is widening its footprint across both the Middlesex and Tidewater Systems. Second, management is on track to spend roughly $125 million on infrastructure upgrades this year, including water main replacements, hydrant installations, and improved treatment processes. In the years ahead, we think similar investment is in the cards, which ought to be largely recouped via periodic customer rate increases.

Middlesex shares are best suited for buy-and-hold, income-oriented accounts. At the recent quotation, the stock offers attractive total return potential over the 2029-2031 horizon. The current dividend yield is roughly 100 basis points above the *Value Line* median, and the company has a stellar track record of annual increases to the quarterly payout.

Nicholas Patrikis *July 3, 2026*

(A) Diluted earnings. Represents non-GAAP earnings or loss starting in 2025. Quarterly figures may not sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early August.
(B) Dividends historically paid in mid-Feb., May, Aug., and November.■ Div'd reinvestment plan available.
(C) In millions.

Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	65
Price Growth Persistence	50
Earnings Predictability	85