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Prospectus

The Alkaline Water Company Inc.

\$50,000,000

Common Stock Preferred Stock Debt Securities Warrants Subscription Receipts Units

We may offer and sell, from time to time, our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants to purchase debt or equity securities, subscription receipts for debt or equity securities or units of such securities at prices and on terms that will be determined at the time of any such offering. We may offer and sell any of such securities or any combination of such securities in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$50,000,000.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we may offer. Each time we offer our securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement containing more specific information about the particular offering. The prospectus supplements may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, together with the documents we incorporate by reference, before you invest in our securities. **This prospectus may not be used to offer or sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.**

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, or directly to purchasers, on a delayed or continuous basis. The prospectus supplement for each offering will provide the specific terms of the plan of distribution for that offering. For more detailed information, see "Plan of Distribution" beginning on page 16 of this prospectus.

Our common stock is listed for trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market and the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "WTER". We have not yet determined whether any of the other securities that may be offered by this prospectus will be listed on any exchange or other public market. If we decide to seek a listing for any of those securities, that will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement.

Investing in our securities involves significant risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 4.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is February 15, 2019.

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This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or SEC using a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may, from time to time, offer and sell any of the securities or any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$50,000,000.

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Unless we otherwise indicate or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to:

the terms "we", "us", "our", "Company" and "Alkaline" refer to The Alkaline Water Company Inc., a Nevada corporation, an •its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Alkaline 88, LLC (formerly Alkaline 84, LLC) and A88 Infused Beverage Division, Inc., unless otherwise specified;

the term "securities" means the common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, subscription receipts and units described in this prospectus; and

•all reference to dollars , \$, USD or US\$ are to U.S. dollars and all reference to CDN\$ are to Canadian dollars. The information contained in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. You should rely only on the information provided in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer of any securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any document incorporated by reference, is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document in which such information is contained or such other date referred to in such document, regardless of the time of any sale or issuance of a security. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

About The Alkaline Water Company Inc.

Our company offers retail consumers bottled alkaline water in 500-milliliter, 700-milliliter, 1-liter, 1.5-liter, 3-liter and 1-gallon sizes under the trade name Alkaline88[®]. Our product is produced through an electrolysis process that uses specialized electronic cells coated with a variety of rare earth minerals to produce our 8.8 pH drinking water without the use of any chemicals. Our product also incorporates 84 trace minerals from Himalayan salt. Our product is designed to have a clean smooth taste using only purified water and the Himalayan salt. Consumers drink our water because of the taste profile and the perceived health benefits. We are now one of the largest (by sales volume) alkaline water companies in the United States.

Our product is presently available in all 50 states and the District of Columbia at an estimated 47,500 retail locations, although over 50% of our current sales are concentrated in the Southwest and Texas. We distribute our product through several channels. We sell through large national distributors (UNFI, KeHe, C&S, and Core-Mark). We also sell our product directly to retail clients, including convenience stores, natural food products stores, large ethnic markets and national retailers. Some examples of retail clients are: Walmart, Food Lion, Albertson's, Safeway, Kroger, Schnucks, Smart& Final, Jewel-Osco, Sprouts, Bashas', Stater Bros. Markets, Unified Grocers, Bristol Farms, Vallarta, Superior Foods, Ingles, HEB and Brookshire's. Currently, we sell our product to our retailers through brokers and distributors. Our larger retail clients bring the water in through their own warehouse distribution network.

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We have not yet established an ongoing source of revenues sufficient to cover our operating costs and to allow us to continue as a going concern. As of December 31, 2018, we had an accumulated deficit of \$35,858,604. Our ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on our company obtaining adequate capital to fund operating losses until we become profitable. If we are unable to obtain adequate capital, we could be forced to significantly curtail or ceas