

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

December 22, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 16, 2010

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| California | 001-14431 | 95-4676679 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

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| 630 East Foothill Blvd. | |
| San Dimas, California | 91773 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (909) 394-3600

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| California | 001-12008 | 95-1243678 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

San Dimas, California, December 22, 2010.... American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that on December 16, 2010, the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) issued a final decision providing approval for rate increases in the Region I water customer service areas of its Golden State Water Company (“GSWC”) subsidiary. The new rates will be effective January 1, 2011. A copy of the Company’s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

This Form 8-K and the attached exhibit are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 9 – Financial Statement and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit</u> <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release: American States Water Company Announces CPUC Decision Approving Rate Increases at GSWC’s Region I Water Customer Service Areas |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY:

Date: December 22, 2010 /s/ Eva G. Tang
Eva G. Tang
Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial Officer,
Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY:

Date: December 22, 2010 /s/ Eva G. Tang
Eva G. Tang
Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial Officer
and Secretary