

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

August 03, 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) July 30, 2010**

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

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

**630 East Foothill Blvd.**

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| <b>San Dimas, California</b>                | <b>91773</b> |
| (Address of principal<br>executive offices) | (Zip Code)   |

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

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

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

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**Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing requirement of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):**

**Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)**

**Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 14a-12)**

**Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))**

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

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**Section 8 – Other Events**

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On August 3, 2010, American States Water Company (“AWR”) announced that Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services (“S&P”) upgraded the corporate credit ratings on AWR and its main utility subsidiary, Golden State Water Company to ‘A+ Stable’ from ‘A Positive’.

S&P debt ratings range from AAA (highest rating possible) to D (obligation is in default). Securities ratings are not recommendations to buy sell or hold a security and are subject to change or withdrawal at any time by the rating agency.

A copy of the Company’s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

This Form 8-K and the attached exhibits are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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**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: August 3, 2010 /s/ Eva G. Tang

Eva G. Tang

Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial  
Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY**

/s/ Eva G. Tang

Eva G. Tang

Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit No.   Description**

99.1            Press Release dated August 3, 2010