

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

November 24, 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) November 19, 2010

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

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

<b>630 East Foothill Blvd.</b>	
<b>San Dimas, California</b>	<b>91773</b>
(Address of principal 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)

<b>California</b>	<b>001-12008</b>	<b>95-1243678</b>
(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))**

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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

San Dimas, California, November 24, 2010.... American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that on November 19, 2010, the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) issued a final decision providing approval for rate increases in the Regions II and III water customer service areas of its Golden State Water Company (“GSWC”) subsidiary and to recover general office expenses. The new rates will be retroactive to January 1, 2010. A copy of the Company’s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

On November 20, 2010, a state of emergency was declared related to the water supply in GSWC’s Barstow customer service area serving approximately 8,900 customers. One of the company’s wells in service in the service area showed perchlorate levels above the maximum contaminant level. The contaminated well was shut down and the distribution system was flushed to remove contaminants in the water pipes. GSWC provided customers with bottled water during the Do Not Drink Water Advisory period. The alert was lifted during the evening of November 23, 2010 to all of GSWC's Barstow area customers, with the single exception being The Veterans Home of California in Barstow. The incremental costs associated with the remediation and clean-up efforts are being tracked in a memorandum account and GSWC expects to receive authorization to recover these costs from the CPUC subject to prudence review.

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

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**Section 9 – Financial Statement and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release: American States Water Company Announces CPUC Decision Approving Rate Increases at GSWC’s Region II and Region III 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: November 24, 2010 /s/ Eva G. Tang

Eva G. Tang  
Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial Officer,  
Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY:**

Date: November 24, 2010 /s/ Eva G. Tang

Eva G. Tang  
Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial Officer  
and Secretary