

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2009

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): October 15, 2009

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

<b>California</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>001-14431</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>95-4676679</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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<b>630 East Foothill Blvd.</b> <b>San Dimas, California</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>91773</b> (Zip Code)
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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> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>001-12008</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>95-1243678</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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**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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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

San Dimas, California, October 20, 2009.... American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that on October 15, 2009, the California Public Utilities Commission issued a final decision adopting the settlement agreement between the Division of Ratepayer Advocates and Golden State Water Company, a subsidiary of AWR. The decision approves a settlement agreement in the application of GSWC for a general rate increase in its Bear Valley Electric Service division.

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

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

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**Section 9 – Financial Statement and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release: American States Water Company Announces Approval by the CPUC of Increase in Rates at GSWC's Bear Valley Electric Service Division

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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: October 20, 2009 /s/ Eva G. Tang  
Eva G. Tang  
Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial  
Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY**

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