

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

January 07, 2005

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**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) January 3, 2005

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

333-47647
(Commission File Number)

95-4676679
(I.R.S. Employer Identification
No.)

**630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, California**
(Address of principal executive
offices)

91773
(Zip Code)

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

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The Company granted stock options to its executive officers on January 3, 2005 pursuant to the terms of an award agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

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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: January 7, 2004

/s/ Robert J. Sprowls

Robert J. Sprowls
Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice
President, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

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