

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
Form 8-K  
October 24, 2008

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 24, 2008

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 Identification<br>No.) |

**630 East Foothill Blvd.**

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| <b>San Dimas, California</b>                | <b>91773</b> |
| (Address of principal executive<br>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<br>incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification<br>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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**Section 2-Financial Information**

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 24, 2008 American States Water Company announced that it anticipates lower earnings per share for the quarter. 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**

**Exhibit No.    Description**

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| 99.1 | Press Release: American States Water Company Announces Lower Than Anticipated Earnings Per Share for the Third Quarter of 2008 |
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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 24, 2008 /s/ Robert J. Sprowls

Robert J. Sprowls

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

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