

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

October 13, 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 8, 2009

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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  - 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 13, 2009.... American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that the Arizona Corporation Commission (“ACC”) approved on October 8, 2009 a rate increase for Chaparral City Water Company (“CCWC”), a subsidiary of AWR in Arizona. The rate increase will be effective on October 15, 2009 and is expected to generate additional annual revenues of approximately \$1.7 million, a 23% increase over current revenues. In addition, as a result of other actions taken by the ACC on October 8, 2009, AWR will recognize a loss of \$760,000, or \$0.02 per share, during the third quarter of 2009, which effectively reverses a gain from a settlement with the Fountain Hills Sanitary District that had been recorded in 2005.

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**

99.1 Press Release: American States Water Company Announces Approval by ACC of Increase in Rates

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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 13, 2009 /s/ Eva G. Tang

Eva G. Tang

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