

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULES 13d-1(b)(c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No.)

American Sts Wtr Co

(Name of Issuer)

COM

(Title of Class of Securities)

029899101

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 1999

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this
Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

(1) The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting
person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of
securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which
would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be
deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange
Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act
but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the
Notes).

(SC13G-07/99)

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

The Chase Manhattan Corporation - CMC
The Chase Manhattan Bank - CMB

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a)
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

The Chase Manhattan Corporation - Delaware
The Chase Manhattan Bank - New York

NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 475,200

BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY None

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 475,400

PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH None

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

475,400

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.306

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

CMC - HC
CMB - BK

*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

American Sts Wtr Co

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

630 E Foothill Blvd
San Dimas, CA 91773-9016

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

This notice is filed by the Chase Manhattan Corporation (CMC) and its wholly owned subsidiary, The Chase Manhattan Bank (CMB).

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence:

CMC - 270 Park Avenue New York, NY 10017
CMB - 270 Park Avenue New York, NY 10017

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

CMC: Delaware
CMB: New York

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

COM

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

029899101

Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.
- (c) Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
- (d) Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e) An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box.

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:
475,400
- (b) Percent of class:
5.306
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote ,
475,200
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote ,
None
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of ,
475,400
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
None

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

N/A

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Pursuant to Rule 13(d) - (b) (2): This notice is filed on behalf of both CMC and its subsidiary, CMB. In lieu of attaching an exhibit hereto, the identity of CMB is as set forth on the cover page hereof. CMB is classified as a Bank, as such term is defined in Section (3) (a) (6) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

N/A

Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 10, 2000

(Date)

Margaret Rubin

(Signature)

Margaret Rubin
VP - Corporate Compliance

(Name/Title)

Note. Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Rule 13d-7(b) for other parties for whom copies are to be sent.

Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).