

## American States Water Company to Hold Third Quarter 2002 Results Conference Call

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SAN DIMAS, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 18, 2002--American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) will release its second quarter results before market on Thursday, October 31, 2002. The Company will host a conference call on Thursday, October 31, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST), during which management will be making a brief presentation focusing on the company's results, strategies, and operating trends.

Interested parties can listen to the conference call over the Internet by logging onto www.aswater.com. The call will also be recorded and replayed beginning Thursday, October 31, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. PST and will run through Thursday, November 7, 2002 until 2:00 p.m. PST. The dial-in number for the audio replay is (800) 642-1687 (conference ID# 6258759).

American States Water Company is a holding company that, through its subsidiaries, provides water service to 1 out of 30 Californians located within 75 communities throughout 10 counties in Northern, Coastal and Southern California and to approximately 11,300 customers in the city of Fountain Hills, Arizona and portions of Scottsdale, Arizona. The Company distributes electricity to approximately 21,900 customers in the Big Bear recreational area of California, and contracts with various municipalities and private entities in both California and Arizona to provide services to an additional 90,000 customers.

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