

**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) **February 4, 2016**

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-14431

(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**

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-12008

(Commission File Number)

95-1243678

(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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

Golden State Water Company ("GSWC"), a subsidiary of American States Water Company, along with three other investor-owned water utilities that serve California, has reached an agreement with the California Public Utilities Commission to defer the cost of capital application for another year. As a result, GSWC will file its next cost of capital application by March 31, 2017. As part of the agreement for the deferred filing date, the four water utilities agreed to forgo any adjustment that would be triggered by the Water Cost of Capital Adjustment Mechanism for one year. GSWC's current authorized cost of capital (a weighted return on equity and cost of debt) of 8.34% will continue in effect through December 31, 2017.

This Form 8-K is furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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: February 5, 2016

/s/ Eva G. Tang

Eva G. Tang
Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial
Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY:

Date: February 5, 2016

/s/ Eva G. Tang

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Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial
Officer and Secretary