

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 7, 2005

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing requirement of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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))

Section 7 - Regulation FD

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 7, 2005 American States Water Company announced that the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") approved a rate increase for Chaparral City Water Company ("CCWC"), a subsidiary of American States Water Company in Arizona. The rate increase was effective on October 1, 2005 and is expected to generate additional annual revenues of \$1.1 million, an 18% increase over current revenues. 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.

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 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 7, 2005

/s/ Robert J. Sprowls

Robert J. Sprowls
Sr. Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer and Corporate Secretary

American States Water Company Announces Approval by ACC
of Increase in Rates; First Increase in over 14 Years

SAN DIMAS, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 7, 2005--American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") approved a rate increase for Chaparral City Water Company ("CCWC"), a subsidiary of American States Water Company, in Arizona. The rate increase was effective on October 1, 2005 and is expected to generate additional annual revenues of \$1.1 million, an 18% increase over current revenues.

Acquired by American States Water Company in October 2000, CCWC is a public utility company serving approximately 12,800 customers in Fountain Hills, Arizona, and a small portion of Scottsdale, Arizona. CCWC's customers have not had a rate increase in over 14 years.

Certain matters discussed in this news release with regard to the Company's expectations may be forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. The assumptions and risk factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially include those described in the Company's Form 10-Q's and Form 10-K's filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

About American States Water Company

American States Water Company is the parent of Golden State Water Company, American States Utility Services, Inc. and Chaparral City Water Company. Through its subsidiaries, AWR provides water service to 1 out of 30 Californians located within 75 communities throughout 10 counties in Northern, Coastal and Southern California (approximately 252,300 customers) and to approximately 12,800 customers in the city of Fountain Hills, Arizona, and portions of Scottsdale, Arizona. The Company also distributes electricity to approximately 22,800 customers in the Big Bear recreational area of California. Through its non-regulated subsidiary, American States Utility Services, the company contracts with various municipalities, the U.S. government and private entities to provide various services, including billing and meter reading, water marketing and operation and maintenance of water and wastewater systems.

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