

**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**

January 17, 2020  
Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

**AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

<b>California</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>001-14431</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>95-4676679</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>630 East Foothill Blvd.</b> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	<b>San Dimas California</b> <b>(909) 394-3600</b> Registrant's telephone number, including area code	<b>91773-1212</b> (Zip Code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation 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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
American States Water Company Common Shares	AWR	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

## Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

### Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

The employment relationship between American States Utility Services, Inc. and its subsidiaries (“ASUS”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of American States Water Company, and James C. Cotton, Senior Vice President and Procurement Officer of ASUS ended on January 17, 2020. Robert J. Sprowls, President and Chief Executive Officer, has temporarily assumed Mr. Cotton’s duties.

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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.

Date: January 17, 2020

**AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY:**

/s/ Eva G. Tang

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Eva G. Tang

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

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