

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) January 12, 2006

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

California 001-14431 95-4676679
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, California 91773
(Address of principal executive (Zip Code)
offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (909) 394-3600

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California 001-12008 95-1243678
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

630 East Foothill Blvd.
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14a-12)
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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

San Dimas, California, January 17, 2006.... American States Water Company
(NYSE:AWR) announced that the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC")
approved rate increases in the Region III customer service area of its Golden
State Water Company ("GSWC") unit. The rates will be effective as of January 18,
2006.

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
99.1	Press Release: American States Water Company Announces Approval by CPUC of Rate Increases

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: January 17, 2006

/s/ Robert J. Sprowls

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

American States Water Company
Announces Approval by CPUC of Rate Increases

SAN DIMAS, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 17, 2006--American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that on January 12, 2006, the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") approved General Rate Case increases for the Region III service area of its Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") unit. The authorized rate increases, effective January 18, 2006, will provide GSWC additional annual revenue approximating \$5,351,700 in 2006 based on a return on equity of 9.8%.

For the second and the third year of this three-year General Rate Case, the CPUC approved an annual increase of approximately \$1,878,400 and \$2,333,700, respectively, subject to certain earnings tests. The Company is in the process of evaluating any other impact to its financial statements resulting from this decision.

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 actual results to differ materially, include those described in the Company's Form 10-Q and Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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 252,800 customers) and to approximately 13,000 customers in the city of Fountain Hills, Arizona and a small portion of Scottsdale, Arizona. The Company also distributes electricity to approximately 23,000 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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