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August 23, 2007

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) August 22, 2007

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

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| California (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | 001-14431 (Commission File Number) | 95-4676679 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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| 630 East Foothill Blvd. San Dimas, California (Address of principal executive offices) | 91773 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (909) 394-3600

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

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| California (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | 001-12008 (Commission File Number) | 95-1243678 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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| 630 East Foothill Blvd. San Dimas, California (Address of principal executive offices) | 91773 (Zip Code) |
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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))

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Section 8-Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events

On August 22, 2007 American States Water Company announced Standard & Poor's ('S&P') has raised the corporate ratings for American States Water Company ('AWR') and its primary water utility subsidiary, Golden State Water Company ('GSWC') to 'A' with a 'Stable' outlook from 'A-' with a 'Positive' outlook.

S&P's corporate credit ratings range from AAA (highest rating possible) to D (rating for default), reflecting S&P's opinion of a company's overall capacity to meet its financial obligations. Credit ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold a security and are subject to change or withdrawal at any time by the rating agency.

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.

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: August 22, 2007

/s/ Robert J. Spowls

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated August 22, 2007 |