

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 8, 2007

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.)
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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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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.)
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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))

Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

Item 8.01. Other Events

American States Water Company announced today that Michael Patrick George, the former CEO of Western Water Company, has accepted the position of Executive Vice President of Corporate Development for the Company beginning February 12, 2007. Mr. George will receive an annual salary of \$375,000. In addition, the Company has granted Mr. George options to acquire 6,461 of the Company's common shares with an exercise price equal to the closing price of the Company's common shares on February 15, 2007 and restricted stock units equal to \$62,500 divided by the closing price of the Company's common shares on February 15, 2007.

Western Water Company filed for bankruptcy protection under chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy laws in May 2005 in the Northern District of California, Oakland Division. The bankruptcy court confirmed a plan of reorganization of

Western Water Company on February 6, 2006 that became effective on February 17, 2006, and closed the case on March 21, 2006.

Section 9 - Financial Statement and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	Press Release announcing election of new Executive Vice President

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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: February 14, 2007

By: /s/ Robert J. Spowls

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

## American States Water Company Announces New Executive Vice President

SAN DIMAS, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 15, 2007--American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced today that Michael Patrick George has accepted the position of Executive Vice President of Corporate Development for the company effective February 12, 2007.

Mr. George will be assuming the responsibility for assessing the company's portfolio of water rights, including adjudicated groundwater, surface diversions, storage conveyance and contractual entitlements, with the objective of improving coordination, dependability, and value to customers of AWR's subsidiaries and AWR's shareholders.

"Mr. George has worked on numerous projects with the company over the years and we have come to respect him as a strategist in the protection and development of water rights in the Western states," stated Floyd E. Wicks, President and CEO of American States Water Company. "We are pleased to welcome Michael to the company."

Mr. George graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Notre Dame with a B.A. in American Studies and with honors from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington D.C. Before joining his previous company, Western Water Company, Mr. George was a managing director with J.P. Morgan. He began his career as a lawyer with an international law firm with corporate, litigation, government affairs and regulatory practices.

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 254,000 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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