

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
Form 8-K  
July 29, 2011

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) July 26, 2011

### 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):

- o **Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)**
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  - o **Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))**
  - o **Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))**
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## **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.**

On July 26, 2011, the Board of Directors approved the payment of a special one time bonus for Robert J. Sprows, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, Eva G. Tang, Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, and Denise L. Kruger, Senior Vice President-Regulated Utilities of \$50,000, \$35,000 and \$25,000, respectively, based on the Board's subjective assessment of their performance in connection with the sale of Chaparral City Water Company, to EPCOR Water (USA) Inc.

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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: July 29, 2011

/s/ Eva G. Tang  
Eva G. Tang  
Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial  
Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

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