

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

February 12, 2018

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 6, 2018**

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**

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.)

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**

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On February 6, 2018, Golden State Water Company (GSWC), a subsidiary of American States Water Company, along with three other investor-owned water utilities that serve California, received a Proposed Decision from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued in connection with the pending cost of capital proceeding. The Proposed Decision recommends an authorized return on equity (ROE) of 8.23% and a return on rate base of 7.39% for GSWC's water segment, effective January 1, 2018. GSWC's current authorized ROE for its water segment is 9.43% and its return on rate base is 8.34%. The Proposed Decision also continues the water cost of capital adjustment mechanism. If the Commission adopts the recommendations in the Proposed Decision, the lower return on rate base is expected to decrease GSWC's annual revenue requirement by approximately \$9.5 million beginning in 2018. GSWC will be filing its comments on the Proposed Decision by February 26 with a final decision expected in late March 2018.

This Form 8-K is 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: February 12, 2018

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

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY:

Date: February 12, 2018

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