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Form 8-K  
February 15, 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) February 8, 2007

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

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| California<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | 001-14431<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 95-4676679<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 630 East Foothill Blvd.<br>San Dimas, California<br>(Address of principal executive<br>offices) | 91773<br>(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)

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| California<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | 001-12008<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 95-1243678<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 630 East Foothill Blvd.<br>San Dimas, California<br>(Address of principal executive<br>offices) | 91773<br>(Zip Code) |
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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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 |

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. Sprowls

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