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Section 8 – Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events

On July 24, 2014, American States Water Company announced that Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P") revised its rating outlook to positive from stable on both American States Water Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary Golden State Water Company. S&P also affirmed the 'A+' credit rating on both companies

S&P debt ratings range from AAA (highest rating possible) to D (obligation is in default). Securities 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: July 24, 2014 /s /Eva G. Tang

Eva G. Tang

Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial
Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

/s /Eva G. Tang

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated July 24, 2014