

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 2016  
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) December 9, 2016**

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

<b>California</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>001-14431</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>95-4676679</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification
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No.)

**630 East Foothill Blvd.**

**91773**

**San Dimas, California**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**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)

<b>California</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>001-12008</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>95-1243678</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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**Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))**

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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

San Dimas, California, December 14, 2016.... American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that the County of Los Angeles Superior Court issued its final decision rejecting the City of Claremont's attempt to seize the Claremont water system by eminent domain in the legal case between American States' wholly owned subsidiary, Golden State Water Company ("GSWC"), and the City of Claremont (the "City"). In December 2014, the City initiated legal action to acquire the water system by filing a complaint in eminent domain against GSWC. The trial to determine the City's right to seize the water system by eminent domain concluded in August 2016. On December 9, 2016, the presiding judge entered the final decision rejecting the City's attempt to take over GSWC's Claremont water system. GSWC serves approximately 11,000 customers in Claremont.

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.

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**Section 9 – Financial Statement and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press Release: Golden State Water Company Successfully Defends its Right to Continue to Serve in the City of Claremont

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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: December 14, 2016 /s/ Eva G. Tang

Eva G. Tang

Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial Officer,

Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY:**

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