

Golden State Water CO  
Form 8-K  
March 15, 2013

**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) **March 13, 2013**

**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)

**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(909) 394-3600**

**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.**  
  
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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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**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 March 13, 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved performance awards in the form of restricted stock units for Robert J. Sprowls, President and Chief Executive Officer of American States Water Company and its subsidiaries, Denise L. Kruger, Senior Vice President-Regulated Utilities for Golden State Water Company, McClellan Harris III, Senior Vice President and Assistant Secretary of American States Utility Services, Inc., Eva G. Tang, Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary of American States Water Company and its subsidiaries and Treasurer of American States Water Company, and Patrick R. Scanlon, Vice President - Water Operations for Golden State Water Company. The target amount of the performance award to Mr. Sprowls is 6,451 restricted stock units. The target amount of the performance award to each of Ms. Kruger, Mr. Harris and Ms. Tang is 956 restricted stock units. The target amount of the performance award to Mr. Scanlon is 746 restricted stock units.

The awards vest on December 31, 2013, 2014 and 2015 in the percentages of 33%, 33% and 34%, respectively, subject to certification by the Compensation Committee that the applicable performance criteria have been satisfied at the end of the earlier of (i) a three-year performance period, (ii) the death or disability of the executive, or (iii) a change in control of the Company. Each executive officer will be entitled to receive common shares equal to the amount of restricted stock units earned at the end of the performance period. Each of the executive officers will also be entitled to receive dividends payable in additional restricted stock units equal to the amount of dividends payable on an equivalent number of the Company's common shares to the extent that the underlying restricted stock units are earned

Each of the performance criteria set forth in the form of performance award agreement attached as Exhibit 10.1 apply to the performance award granted to Mr. Sprowls and Ms. Tang. The total shareholder return and Golden State Water Company operating expense control criteria apply to the performance award granted to Ms. Kruger and Mr. Scanlon. The total shareholder return and ASUS cumulative net earnings criteria apply to Mr. Harris.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

The following document is filed as an Exhibit to this Report:

Exhibit 10.1 Form of Performance Award Agreement \*

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\*Management contract or compensatory arrangement.



**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: March 15, 2013

/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  
Eva G. Tang

Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary