

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

March 17, 2004

**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 17, 2004**

**AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**California**  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation or  
organization)

**333-47647**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**95-4676679**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**630 East Foothill  
Bld.**  
**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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**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On March 17, 2004, American States Water Company announced rate increases for 2004-2006 and a charge to earnings for 2003. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

This information is to be considered filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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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: March 17, 2004

/s/ McClellan Harris III

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McClellan Harris III  
Sr. Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer  
and Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated March 17, 2004