AMERICAN STATES WATER CO Form 8-K March 17, 2005

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, 2005

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| 001-14431 | 95-4676679 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification |
| | No.) |
| | |
| | 91773 |
| | (Zip Code) |
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Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (909) 394-3600

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing requirement of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 2-Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On March 17, 2005 American States Water Company released earnings for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2004. 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: March 17, 2005 /s/ Robert J. Sprowls

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 17, 2005