

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 2012  
**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 12, 2012**

**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> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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**630 East Foothill Blvd.**

<b>San Dimas, California</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>91773</b> (Zip Code)
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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:(909) 394-3600**

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**Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:**

**Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)**

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**Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))**

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

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**Section 2-Financial Information**

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On March 12, 2012, American States Water Company released earnings for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2011 and for the year 2011. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

This Form 8-K and the attached exhibits are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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**Section 9-Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

The following exhibit is furnished hereunder:

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated March 12, 2012

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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 12, 2012      /s/ Eva G. Tang  
Eva G. Tang  
Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial  
Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit No.   Description**

99.1            Press Release dated March 12, 2012