

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

September 22, 2004

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant To Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities And Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: September 21, 2004

(Date of earliest event reported): September 21, 2004

American States Water Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CALIFORNIA

001-14431

95-4676679

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

630 East Foothill Blvd., San Dimas, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

91773
(Zip Code)

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

N.A.

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 21, 2004, American States Water Company issued a press release announcing the proposed sale of 1,400,000 of its Common Shares, plus up to 210,000 additional Common Shares to cover over-allotments, pursuant to Registration Statements on Form S-3 that are effective. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Section 9-Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press Release issued by American States Water Company on September 21, 2004

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 thereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

/s/ Robert J. Sprowls

Name: Robert J. Sprowls
Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,
Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

DATED: September 21, 2004