

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

January 21, 2004

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**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) October 30, 2003**

**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 Blvd**  
**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 January 20, 2004, American States Water Company announced that it will book a \$3.5 million pre-tax charge to 2003 earnings as a direct result of a Proposed Decision by the California Public Utilities Commission, received in late December, regarding the settlement agreement between Southern California Water Company and the City of Santa Monica over the Charnock Basin contamination. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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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.

Date: January 20, 2004

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

/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 January 20, 2004