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**Section 8 – Other Events**

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On July 24, 2014, American States Water Company announced that Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P") revised its rating outlook to positive from stable on both American States Water Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary Golden State Water Company. S&P also affirmed the 'A+' credit rating on both companies

S&P debt ratings range from AAA (highest rating possible) to D (obligation is in default). Securities ratings are not recommendations to buy sell or hold a security and are subject to change or withdrawal at any time by the rating agency.

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.

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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: July 24, 2014 /s /Eva G. Tang

Eva G. Tang

Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial  
Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer

**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY**

/s /Eva G. Tang

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Officer and Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit No.   Description**

99.1            Press Release dated July 24, 2014