



**Section 2-Financial Information**

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

On May 7, 2012, American States Water Company released earnings for the first quarter ended March 31, 2012. 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 May 7, 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: May 7, 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**

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| 99.1                      | Press Release dated May 7, 2012 |