

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
Form DEFA14A  
May 10, 2010

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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American States Water Company

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Dear Shareholder:

We have previously mailed you proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of American States Water Company to be held on May 27, 2010.

According to our latest records we have not yet received your vote. The Annual Meeting is now only a short time away. It is important that you sign and return your proxy today in order to make sure that your shares will be voted at the meeting in accordance with your desires. If you hold your shares in the name of a brokerage firm, your broker cannot vote your shares on certain of these proposals unless they receive your specific instructions.

Your board of directors recommends that you vote FOR proposals 1, 2 and 3.

In the event that your proxy material has been misplaced, we are enclosing for your use a duplicate Voting Instruction Form and return envelope.

Please sign and date the enclosed Voting Form (or follow the telephone & internet instructions on your Voting Form) today. In the event that two Voting Forms are received from you, the one bearing the latest date will be counted, as it automatically revokes all prior proxies.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

Ms. Eva G. Tang  
Corporate Secretary

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