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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009

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Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

for the transition period from

to

Commission file number 001-14431

# **American States Water Company**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

California

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

95-4676679

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

630 E. Foothill Blvd, San Dimas, CA

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**91773-1212** (Zip Code)

(909) 394-3600

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

### Not Applicable

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

Commission file number 001-12008

## **Golden State Water Company**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

California (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 630 E. Foothill Blvd, San Dimas, CA	95-1243678 (IRS Employer Identification No.) 91773-1212
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)
(909) 394-3600	
(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)	
Not Applicable	
(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last	Report)
Indicate by check mark whether Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that Registrant such filing requirements for the past 90 days.	
American States Water Company	
Golden State Water Company	Yes xNo o Yes xNo o
Indicate by check mark whether Registrant has submitted electronically and post required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 2 shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit and post such files).	
American States Water Company	Yes oNo o
Golden State Water Company	Yes oNo o
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American States Water Company	

Non-accelerated filer o

### **Golden State Water Company**

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Large accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company o

Large accelerated filer o	Accelerated filer o	Non-accelerated filer x	Smaller reporting company o
Indicate by check mark whether	the Registrant is a shell com	pany (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of t	the Exchange Act)
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Golden Sta	te Water Company		Yes oNo x
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#### AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

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## PART I

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#### **Item 1. Financial Statements**

#### General

The basic financial statements included herein have been prepared by Registrant, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements, prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. In the opinion of management, all adjustments consisting of normal recurring items and estimates necessary for a fair statement of results for the interim period have been made.

It is suggested that these financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto in the latest Annual Report on Form 10-K of American States Water Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Golden State Water Company.

#### Filing Format

American States Water Company (hereinafter AWR) is the parent company of Golden State Water Company (hereinafter GSWC), Chaparral City Water Company (hereinafter CCWC) and American States Utility Services, Inc. (hereinafter ASUS) and its subsidiaries.

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q is a combined report being filed by two separate Registrants: AWR and GSWC. For more information, please see Note 1 to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and the heading entitled General in Item 2 - Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. References in this report to Registrant are to AWR and GSWC collectively, unless otherwise specified. GSWC makes no representations as to the information contained in this report relating to AWR and its subsidiaries, other than GSWC.

#### **Forward-Looking Information**

This Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding our goals, beliefs, plans or current expectations, taking into account the information currently available to management. Forward-looking statements are not statements of historical facts. For expects, example, when we use words such as believes, anticipates, plans, estimates, intends, may and other words that convey uncert future events or outcomes, we are making forward-looking statements. Such statements address future events and conditions concerning such matters as our ability to raise capital, capital expenditures, earnings, litigation, rates, water sales, water quality and other regulatory matters, adequacy of water supplies, our ability to recover electric, natural gas and water supply costs from ratepayers, contract operations, liquidity and capital resources, and accounting matters. We caution you that any forward-looking statements made by us are not guarantees of future performance and that actual results may differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements, by reason of factors such as: changes in utility regulation; recovery of regulatory assets not yet included in rates; future economic conditions which affect changes in customer demand and changes in water and energy supply costs; repayment of amounts owed to us; changes in pension and postretirement benefit plan costs; future climatic conditions; delays in customer payments or price redeterminations or equitable adjustments on contracts

executed by ASUS and its subsidiaries; potential assessments for failure to meet interim targets for the purchase of renewable energy; and legislative, legal proceedings, regulatory and other circumstances affecting anticipated revenues and costs.

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#### AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

### **ASSETS**

### (Unaudited)

(in thousands)		September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008
Utility Plant		2007		2000
Utility plant, at cost	\$	1,223,922	\$	1,171,284
Less - Accumulated depreciation	Ψ	(367,628)	Ψ	(346,022)
Net utility plant		856,294		825,262
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Other Property and Investments				
Goodwill		4,610		4,610
Other property and investments		11,526		10,689
Total other property and investments		16,136		15,299
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Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents		7,357		7,283
Accounts receivable customers (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$674 in 2009 and				
\$656 in 2008)		18,811		14,315
Unbilled revenue		23,807		17,958
Receivable from the U.S. government (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$67 in 2009				
and \$121 in 2008)		10,281		8,094
Other accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$456 in 2009 and \$474 in				
2008)		4,137		6,341
Income taxes receivable		1,798		1,526
Materials and supplies, at average cost		1,912		2,109
Regulatory assets current		8,693		16,071
Prepayments and other current assets		1,986		2,950
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		17,275		11,836
Deferred income taxes current		3,607		2,131
Total current assets		99,664		90,614
Regulatory and Other Assets				
Regulatory assets		118,893		104,521
Other accounts receivable		8,471		8,167
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		6,775		6,897
Deferred income taxes		313		254
Other		10,157		10,273
Total regulatory and other assets		144,609		130,112
Total Assets	\$	1,116,703	\$	1,061,287

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

#### AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES (Unaudited)

(in thousands)	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Capitalization	2005	2000
Common shares, no par value, no stated value	221,953	\$ 185,499
Earnings reinvested in the business	137,794	125,004
Total common shareholders equity	359,747	310,503
Long-term debt	306,298	266,536
Total capitalization	666,045	577,039
Current Liabilities		
Notes payable to banks	20,550	74,700
Long-term debt current	648	636
Accounts payable	37,361	36,582
Income taxes payable	21	974
Accrued employee expenses	7,014	5,625
Accrued interest	5,357	2,463
Unrealized loss on purchased power contracts	7,026	
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	5,479	2,094
Other	15,544	14,323
Total current liabilities	99,000	137,397
Other Credits		
Advances for construction	84,619	86,816
Contributions in aid of construction net	103,512	101,593
Deferred income taxes	91,208	84,750
Unamortized investment tax credits	2,177	2,245
Accrued pension and other postretirement benefits	49,220	52,235
Regulatory liabilities	1,182	425
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	10,856	9,866
Other	8,884	8,921
Total other credits	351,658	346,851
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 8)		
Total Capitalization and Liabilities	1,116,703	\$ 1,061,287

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#### AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

#### FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008 (Unaudited)

		Three Month September		
(in thousands, except per share amounts)	2009			2008
Operating Revenues	Ф	70.207	Ф	(0.265
Water	\$	78,297	\$	69,365
Electric		6,563		6,743
Contracted services		16,641		9,153
Total operating revenues		101,501		85,261
Operating Expenses				
Water purchased		14,151		15,087
Power purchased for pumping		3,335		3,484
Groundwater production assessment		3,247		2,791
Power purchased for resale		2,793		3,345
Unrealized loss on purchased power contracts		2,770		3.741
Supply cost balancing accounts		4,806		(490)
Other operation expenses		7,663		7,366
Administrative and general expenses		17,018		16,307
Depreciation and amortization		8,400		7,882
Maintenance		4,052		4.027
Property and other taxes		3,555		3,461
ASUS construction expenses		9,266		5,117
Loss on settlement for removal of wells		760		-, -
Total operating expenses		79,046		72,118
Operating Income		22,455		13,143
Other Income and Expenses				
Interest expense		(5,861)		(5,428)
Interest income		173		293
Other		38		(30)
Total other income and expenses		(5,650)		(5,165)
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Income from operations before income tax expense		16,805		7,978
Income toy evenes		7 107		2.426
Income tax expense		7,107		3,426
Net Income	\$	9,698	\$	4,552
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Weighted Average Number of Shares Outstanding		18,502		17,268
Basic Earnings Per Common Share	\$	0.52	\$	0.26
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Weighted Average Number of Diluted Shares		18,645		17,404
Fully Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	0.52	\$	0.26
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**Dividends Declared Per Common Share** 

\$

0.25

\$

0.25

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# AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

### FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008 (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(in thousands, except per share amounts)	2009 2008	
Operating Revenues	2000	
Water	\$ 209,248 \$	186,824
Electric	21,083 21,754	
Contracted services	44,332 25,938	
Total operating revenues	274,663 234,51	
Total operating to rendes	27 1,000	
Operating Expenses		
Water purchased	34,622 36,119	
Power purchased for pumping	7,711 7,819	
Groundwater production assessment	8,621 8,056	
Power purchased for resale	9,158 10,179	
Unrealized gain on purchased power contracts	(766	
Supply cost balancing accounts	11,666 (1,269	
Other operation expenses	21,981 22,415	
Administrative and general expenses	49,405 46,077	
Depreciation and amortization	25,148 23,485	
Maintenance	12,012 12,569	
Property and other taxes	9,667 9,220	
ASUS construction expenses	25,540 13,426	
Net gain on sale of property	(15)	
Loss on settlement for removal of wells	760	
Total operating expenses	216,276 187,33	0
Operating Income	58,387 47,186	
Other Income and Expenses		
Interest expense	(16,814 ) (16,100	)
Interest income	671 1,429	
Other	90 91	
Total other income and expenses	(16,053 ) (14,580	)
Total outer moone and enpended	(10,000)	<u>,                                      </u>
Income from operations before income tax expense	42,334 32,606	
Income toy expense	16 205	
Income tax expense	16,205 13,467	
Net Income	\$ 26,129 \$	19,139
Weighted Average Number of Shares Outstanding	17,896 17,252	
Basic Earnings Per Common Share	\$ 1.45 \$	1.10
Weighted Average Number of Diluted Shares	18,029 17,378	
Fully Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 1.45 \$	1.10

**Dividends Declared Per Common Share** 

\$

0.75

0.75

\$

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# AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

# FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008 (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			2000		
(in thousands) Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	2009			2008		
Net income	\$	26,129		\$	19,139	
Adjustments for non-cash items:	Ф	20,129		Ф	19,139	
Depreciation and amortization	25,148	2		23,485		
Provision for doubtful accounts	774	)		661		
Deferred income taxes and investment tax credits	5,134			4,276		
Unrealized gain on purchased power contracts	3,134			(766	)	
Stock-based compensation expense	1,042			1,097	)	
Loss on settlement for removal of wells	760			1,007		
Other net	1,123			401		
Changes in assets and liabilities:	1,123			101		
Accounts receivable customers	(5,270		)	(3,902	)	
Unbilled revenue	(5,849		)	(3,742	ì	
Other accounts receivable	1,900		,	855	,	
Receivable from the U.S. government	(2,187		)	(423	)	
Materials and supplies	197		,	(241	)	
Prepayments and other current assets	964			822	,	
Regulatory assets supply cost balancing accounts	11,666	ń		(1,269	)	
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	(5,317		)	(6,510		
Other assets (including other regulatory assets)	(13,03		)	(1,719	)	
Accounts payable	382		,	6,168	,	
Income taxes receivable/payable	(1,225		)	(2,866	)	
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	4,375			4,791	,	
Accrued pension and other postretirement benefits	(3,015		)	(77	)	
Other liabilities	6,716		,	3,162	ĺ	
Net cash provided	50,414	1		43,342		
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Cash Flows From Investing Activities:						
Construction expenditures	(55,63	3	)	(58,98)	7 )	
Business acquisition	, ,			(2,298	)	
Net cash used	(55,63	3	)	(61,28	5 )	
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:						
Proceeds from issuance of Common Shares, net of issuance costs	35,354	1		708		
Proceeds from stock option exercises	67			666		
Receipt of advances for and contributions in aid of construction	1,065			4,339		
Refunds on advances for construction	(3,033		)	(3,339	)	
Repayments of long-term debt	(226		)	(272	)	
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt, net of issuance costs	39,750	)				
Net change in notes payable to banks	(54,15	0	)	28,300		
Dividends paid	(13,28	5	)	(12,93	4 )	
Other net	(249		)	18		
Net cash provided	5,293			17,486		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	74			(457	)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	7,283			1,698		

Cash and cash equivalents, end of period

\$ 7,357

\$ 1,241

# GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY BALANCE SHEETS

# ASSETS (Unaudited)

(in thousands)	September 30, 2009			December 31, 2008		
Utility Plant						
Utility plant, at cost	\$	1,153,886		\$	1,103,932	
Less - Accumulated depreciation	(345,466 ) (32			) (326,089		
Net utility plant	808,4	20		777,8	343	
Other Property and Investments	8,545			7,719	)	
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	4,865			3,812	2	
Accounts receivable-customers (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$634 in 2009 and						
\$632 in 2008)	18,37	1		13,96	59	
Unbilled revenue	23,42	5		17,64	1	
Inter-company receivable	214			309		
Other accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$443 in 2009 and 2008)	3,779			4,348	3	
Materials and supplies, at average cost	1,796			1,543	3	
Regulatory assets current	8,693			16,01	.8	
Prepayments and other current assets	1,715		2,714		ļ	
Deferred income taxes current	3,662 2,144		ļ.			
Total current assets	66,52	66,520 62,498		98		
Regulatory and Other Assets						
Regulatory assets	118,8	93		104,5	521	
Other accounts receivable	8,471			8,167	1	
Other	9,495			9,402	2	
Total regulatory and other assets	136,8	59		122,0	)90	
Total Assets	\$	1,020,344		\$	970,150	

## GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY BALANCE SHEETS CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES (Unaudited)

(in thousands)	September 30, 2009		er 30, December 3	
Capitalization	2009		2000	
Common shares, no par value, no stated value	\$	195,526	\$	194,728
Earnings reinvested in the business	133,50		129,8	
Total common shareholder s equity	329,02		324,5	
Long-term debt	300,32	23	260,5	561
Total capitalization	629,35	50	585,0	)94
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Current Liabilities				
Long-term debt current	338		326	
Accounts payable	29,329	)	25,89	97
Inter-company payable	7,047		18,392	
Income taxes payable to Parent	1,091		2,794	
Accrued employee expenses	6,130		4,940	
Accrued interest	5,241		2,39	1
Deferred income taxes current			39	
Unrealized loss on purchased power contracts	7,026			
Other	14,379	)	13,245	
Total current liabilities	70,581	1	68,024	
Other Credits				
Advances for construction	79,402	2	80,97	77
Contributions in aid of construction - net	90,594	4	89,5	19
Deferred income taxes	90,787	7	83,76	55
Unamortized investment tax credits	2,177		2,245	5
Accrued pension and other postretirement benefits	49,220	)	52,23	35
Other	8,233		8,29	1
Total other credits	320,413		317,0	032
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 8)				
Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$	1,020,344	\$	970,150

# GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY STATEMENTS OF INCOME

# FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008 (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009			
(in thousands)	2009		2008	
Operating Revenues				
Water	\$ 76,121		\$ 67,316	
Electric	6,563		6,743	
Total operating revenues	82,684		74,059	
Operating Expenses				
Water purchased	13,822		14,889	
Power purchased for pumping	3,131		3,293	
Groundwater production assessment	3,247		2,791	
Power purchased for resale	2,793		3,345	
Unrealized loss on purchased power contracts			3,741	
Supply cost balancing accounts	4,806		(490	)
Other operation expenses	6,557		6,055	
Administrative and general expenses	13,711		13,054	
Depreciation and amortization	7,716		7,252	
Maintenance	3,303		3,289	
Property and other taxes	3,145		2,791	
Total operating expenses	62,231		60,010	
Operating Income	20,453		14,049	
Other Income and Expenses				
Interest expense	(5,693	)	(5,018	)
Interest income	170		284	
Other	30		(22	)
Total other income and expenses	(5,493	)	(4,756	)
Income from operations before income tax expense	14,960		9,293	
Income tax expense	6,418		3,945	
Net Income	\$ 8,542		\$ 5,348	

# GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY STATEMENTS OF INCOME

# FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008 (Unaudited)

(in thousands)		Months Ended nber 30,		2008		
Operating Revenues	2007			2000		
Water	\$	203,594		\$	181,235	
Electric	21,083			21,75		
Total operating revenues	224,6			202,9		
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Operating Expenses						
Water purchased	33,76	4		35,57	12	
Power purchased for pumping	7,233			7,365	5	
Groundwater production assessment	8,621			8,056	ó	
Power purchased for resale	9,158			10,17	19	
Unrealized gain on purchased power contracts				(766		)
Supply cost balancing accounts	11,666	5		(1,26	9	)
Other operation expenses	18,84	1		17,79	9	
Administrative and general expenses	39,80	9		36,65	55	
Depreciation and amortization	23,150	)		21,74	16	
Maintenance	9,340			10,40	)8	
Property and other taxes	8,511			8,200	)	
Net gain on sale of property	(15		)			
Total operating expenses	170,0	78		153,9	945	
Operating Income	54,599	9		49,04	14	
Other Income and Expenses						
Interest expense	(16,11	.2	)	(15,0		)
Interest income	665			1,370	)	
Other	71			69		
Total other income and expenses	(15,37	76	)	(13,5	96	)
Income from operations before income tax expense	39,22	3		35,44	18	
Income tax expense	16,07	4		14,57	76	

# GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

# FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008 (Unaudited)

(in thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	2008
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	2009	2008
Net income	\$ 23,149	\$ 20,872
Adjustments for non-cash items:	φ 23,149	\$ 20,672
Depreciation and amortization	23,150	21,746
Provision for doubtful accounts	736	628
Deferred income taxes and investment tax credits	5,678	4,180
Unrealized gain on purchased power contracts	3,078	(766 )
Stock-based compensation expense	783	940
Other net	787	377
Changes in assets and liabilities:	707	311
Accounts receivable customers	(5,138	(3,810)
Unbilled revenue	(5,784)	,
Other accounts receivable	265	783
Materials and supplies	(253 )	
Prepayments and other current assets	999	849
Regulatory assets supply cost balancing accounts	11,666	(1,269 )
Other assets (including other regulatory assets)	(13,078	
Accounts payable	2,728	4,236
Inter-company receivable/payable	(50)	338
Income taxes receivable/payable from/to Parent	(1,703	(1,679)
Accrued pension and other postretirement benefits	(3,015	(77
Other liabilities	6,363	3,032
Net cash provided	47,283	45,002
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Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Construction expenditures	(53,118)	(55,455)
Net cash used	(53,118)	(55,455)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of Common Shares to Parent		30,000
Receipt of advances for and contributions in aid of construction	1,015	4,197
Refunds on advances for construction	(2,827)	(3,047)
Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt, net of issuance costs	39,750	
Repayments of long-term debt	(226)	(272)
Net change in inter-company borrowings	(11,200)	(12,510)
Dividends paid	(19,400 )	(-,)
Other net	(224)	28
Net cash provided	6,888	9,596
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,053	(857)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	3,812	1,389
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 4,865	\$ 532

# AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY AND GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

## **Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

General / Nature of Operations: American States Water Company ( AWR ) is the parent company of Golden State Water Company ( GSWC ), Chaparral City Water Company ( CCWC ) and American States Utility Services, Inc. ( ASUS ) and its subsidiaries, Fort Bliss Water Services Company, Terrapin Utility Services, Inc., Old Dominion Utility Services, Inc., Palmetto State Utility Services, Inc., and Old North Utility Services, Inc.

GSWC is a public utility engaged principally in the purchase, production, distribution and sale of water in California serving approximately 255,000 water customers. GSWC also distributes electricity in several San Bernardino Mountain communities serving approximately 23,000 electric customers. The California Public Utilities Commission ( CPUC ) regulates GSWC s water and electric businesses, including properties, rates, services, facilities and other matters. CCWC is a public utility regulated by the Arizona Corporation Commission ( ACC ) serving over 13,000 customers in the town of Fountain Hills, Arizona and a portion of the City of Scottsdale, Arizona. ASUS performs water and wastewater related services and operations on a contract basis. Through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, ASUS has agreements with the U.S. government to operate and maintain the water and/or wastewater systems at various military bases pursuant to 50-year fixed price contracts, which are subject to periodic price redeterminations and modifications for changes in circumstances. There is no direct regulatory oversight by either the CPUC or the ACC of the operation or rates of either the contracted services provided by ASUS and its wholly owned subsidiaries or AWR. AWR s assets, revenues and operations are primarily those of GSWC.

Basis of Presentation: The consolidated financial statements of AWR include the accounts of AWR and its subsidiaries, all of which are wholly owned. These financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Inter-company transactions and balances have been eliminated in the AWR consolidated financial statements. Investments in partially-owned affiliates are accounted for by the equity method when Registrant s ownership interest exceeds 20%. The consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by Registrant, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for annual financial statements have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal, recurring items and estimates necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods, have been made. It is suggested that these consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with Registrant s consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the SEC.

GSWC s Related Party Transactions: GSWC and other subsidiaries provide and receive various services to and from their parent, AWR, and among themselves. In addition, AWR has a \$115 million syndicated credit facility. AWR borrows under this facility and provides funds to its subsidiaries, including GSWC, in support of their operations. GSWC is also able to obtain letters of credit under this facility. Amounts owed to AWR for borrowings under this facility are included in inter-company payables on GSWC s balance sheets as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008. The interest rate charged to GSWC and other affiliates is sufficient to cover AWR s interest cost under the credit facility. GSWC also allocates certain corporate office administrative and general costs to its affiliates using allocation factors agreed upon by the CPUC.

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Long-Term Debt: A senior note was issued on March 10, 2009, to CoBank, ACB (Co-Bank). Under the terms of this senior note, CoBank purchased a 6.7% Senior Note due March 10, 2019 in the aggregate principal amount of \$40.0 million from GSWC. This note also provides for patronage, where GSWC shares in the profits of CoBank. If the current amount of patronage continues to be paid, the annual cost of the note is at or below 6.0%. The proceeds have been used to pay down short-term borrowings and fund capital expenditures.

Sales and Use Taxes: GSWC bills certain sales and use taxes levied by state or local governments to its customers. Included in these sales and use taxes are franchise fees, which GSWC pays to various municipalities (based on ordinances adopted by these municipalities) in order to use public right of way for utility purposes. GSWC bills these franchise fees to its customers based on a CPUC-authorized rate. These franchise fees, which are required to be paid regardless of GSWC s ability to collect from the customer, are accounted for on a gross basis. GSWC s franchise fees recorded were approximately \$782,000 and \$718,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and \$2,116,000 and \$2,052,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. When GSWC acts as an agent, and the tax is not required to be remitted if it is not collected from the customer, the taxes are accounted for on a net basis.

Depending on the state in which the operations are conducted, ASUS and its subsidiaries are also subject to certain state non-income tax assessments generally computed on a gross receipts or gross revenues basis. These non-income tax assessments are required to be paid regardless of whether the subsidiary is reimbursed by the U.S. government for these assessments under its 50-year contracts with the U.S. government. The non-income tax assessments are accounted for on a gross basis and totaled \$234,000 and \$521,000 during the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and \$563,000 and \$521,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

New Accounting Pronouncements: In December 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued revised authoritative guidance on business combinations which establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer in a business combination: (i) recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquire, (ii) recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired in the business combination, and (iii) determines what information to disclose to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. The guidance was effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2009. Accordingly, any business combinations that Registrant may engage in subsequent to that date will be recorded and disclosed under the new guidance.

In December 2007, the FASB also amended authoritative guidance on noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements. The objective of this guidance is to improve the relevance, comparability, and transparency of the financial information that a reporting entity provides in its consolidated financial statements by establishing accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. The amended guidance was effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2009 and did not have any impact on Registrant s consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In March 2008, the FASB amended its guidance on disclosures about derivatives and hedging activities. The amended guidance requires qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts of gains and losses on derivative instruments and disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements. This guidance was effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2009 and did not have any impact on Registrant s consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. The adoption of the new guidance did result in enhanced qualitative disclosure of Registrant s derivative instrument as discussed in Note 4.

In December 2008, the FASB amended its guidance on disclosures about postretirement benefit plans to require additional disclosures about plan assets held in an employer s defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan, and to provide users of financial statements with an understanding of (i) how investment allocation decisions are made, including the factors that are pertinent to an understanding of investment policies and strategies, (ii) the major categories of plan assets, (iii) the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of plan assets including the level within the fair value hierarchy, using the guidance on fair value measurements, and (iv) significant concentrations of risk within plan assets. The amended guidance is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2010. Registrant is evaluating the potential impact of this new amended guidance.

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In April 2009, the FASB issued guidance requiring disclosures beginning in the second quarter of 2009 about the fair value of all financial instruments, for which it is practicable to estimate that fair value, for interim and annual reporting periods. Since this new guidance impacts disclosure only, the adoption of this position will not have an impact on Registrant s consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows. This enhanced disclosure is provided in Note 5.

In May 2009, the FASB issued guidance on subsequent events, establishing general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The guidance requires disclosure of the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events and the basis for that date, that is, whether that date represents the date the financial statements were issued or available to be issued. This guidance was effective beginning in the second quarter of 2009 and impacted disclosure only. Registrant has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through November 5, 2009, which is the date the financial statements were issued.

In June 2009, the FASB issued revised guidance which enhances information reported to users of financial statements by providing greater transparency about transfers of financial assets and a company s continuing involvement in transferred assets. It removes the concept of qualifying special purpose entity from US GAAP, changes the requirements for derecognizing financial assets and requires additional disclosures about a transferor s continuing involvement in transferred financial assets. This revised guidance is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2010 and is not expected to have any impact on Registrant s consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

In June 2009, the FASB amended the guidance on consolidation for variable interest entities. The new guidance requires a company to perform a qualitative analysis when determining whether it must consolidate a variable interest entity. This guidance also amends how to determine whether an entity is a variable interest entity. A company must now disclose how its involvement with a variable interest entity affects the company s financial statements and disclose any significant judgments and assumptions made in determining whether it must consolidate a variable interest entity. This guidance is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2010. Registrant is currently evaluating the potential impact of this new guidance.

In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance on the codification of generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ). This guidance was effective for the Company beginning in the third quarter of 2009. The FASB Accounting Standards Codification became the source of authoritative GAAP recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. On the effective date of this guidance, the Codification superseded all then-existing accounting and reporting standards, other than rules and interpretative releases issued by the SEC. The adoption of the new guidance did not have any impact on the Company s financial statements.

Other accounting guidance that have been issued or proposed by the FASB or other standards-setting bodies that do not require adoption until a future date are not expected to have a material impact on Registrant s consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

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#### **Note 2 Regulatory Matters:**

In accordance with the accounting guidance for rate-regulated enterprises, Registrant records regulatory assets, which represent probable future revenue associated with certain costs that will be recovered from customers through the ratemaking process, and regulatory liabilities, which represent probable future reductions in revenue associated with amounts that are to be credited to customers through the ratemaking process. At September 30, 2009, Registrant had approximately \$19.4 million of regulatory assets not accruing carrying costs. Of this amount, \$6.9 million relates to deferred income taxes representing accelerated tax benefits flowed-through to ratepayers, which will be included in rates concurrently with recognition of the associated future tax expense, \$7.0 million relates to a memorandum account authorized by the CPUC to track unrealized gains and losses on GSWC s purchased power contracts, and \$2.2 million relates to general rate case memorandum accounts to be recovered within 12 months. The remainder relates to other expenses that do not provide for recovery of carrying costs that Registrant expects to recover in rates over a short period.

Regulatory assets, less regulatory liabilities, included in the consolidated balance sheets are as follows:

(In thousands)	Sept	tember 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
GSWC			
Electric supply cost balancing account	\$	13,307 \$	16,077
Water supply cost balancing accounts		6,453	11,807
Water revenue adjustment mechanism, net of modified cost balancing accounts		12,575	825
Water conservation memorandum accounts		2,292	
Costs deferred for future recovery on Aerojet case		19,918	20,613
Pensions and other postretirement obligations		38,850	40,939
Flow-through taxes, net		6,853	7,134
Electric transmission line abandonment costs		2,873	3,001
Asset retirement obligations		3,901	3,646
Low income rate assistance balancing accounts		4,077	4,758
General rate case memorandum accounts		2,215	4,922
Santa Maria adjudication memorandum accounts		3,943	4,011
Derivative losses (gains) memorandum account		7,026	
Refund of water right lease revenues		(1,948)	(2,360)
Other regulatory assets, net		5,251	5,166
Total GSWC	\$	127,586 \$	120,539
CCWC			
Asset retirement obligations	\$	58 \$	55
Other regulatory liabilities, net		(1,240)	(427)
Total AWR	\$	126,404 \$	120,167

Regulatory matters are discussed in detail in the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the SEC. The discussion below focuses on significant matters and changes since December 31, 2008.

## Supply Cost Balancing Accounts:

Electric Supply Cost Balancing Account Electric power costs incurred by GSWC s Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES) division continue to be charged to its electric supply cost balancing account. The under-collection in the electric supply cost balancing account is \$13.3 million and \$16.1 million at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively, a reduction in the under-collection of \$2.8 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. As of September 30, 2009, the electric supply cost balancing account consists of under-collections incurred during the energy crisis in late 2000 and 2001, costs of abandonment of a transmission line upgrade and increases in purchased energy and power system delivery costs discussed below.

The CPUC has authorized GSWC to collect a surcharge from its customers of 2.2¢ per kilowatt hour through August 2011, to enable GSWC to recover an under-collection of approximately \$23.1 million at the end of 2001 which had been incurred during the energy crisis in late 2000 and 2001. GSWC sold 30,364,064 and

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31,939,690 kilowatt hours of electricity to its BVES customers for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and sold 100,800,183 and 105,354,442 kilowatt hours of electricity to its customers for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. As a result of the surcharge, the supply cost balancing account was reduced by approximately \$675,000 and \$720,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and \$2,240,000 and \$2,361,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Approximately \$22.4 million of the \$23.1 million under-collection incurred during the energy crisis in late 2000 and 2001 has been recovered through this surcharge. Therefore, as of September 30, 2009 approximately \$728,000 related to the energy crisis remains to be recovered through this surcharge. GSWC anticipates the surcharge, based on projected electricity sales, to be sufficient for it to recover by August 2011 the amount of the under-collected balance incurred during the energy crisis. However, in 2011, if GSWC has not fully recovered the amount of this under collection, GSWC will seek additional recovery from the CPUC of any amounts not recovered through this surcharge.

Changes in purchased energy and power system delivery costs as compared to CPUC authorized rates have also impacted the electric supply cost balancing account by \$8.9 million under-collection as of September 30, 2009. The purchased energy costs that are recorded in the supply cost balancing account are subject to a price cap by terms of a 2001 settlement which was subsequently approved in a CPUC decision. The BVES division of GSWC is allowed to include its actual recorded purchased energy costs up to a weighted annual average cost of \$77 per megawatt-hour (MWh) through August 2011 in its electric supply cost balancing account. BVES began receiving power under a new purchased power contract in January 1, 2009. The main product under the new contract provides for 13 MWs of electric energy at a fixed price of \$63.75 per MWh during 2009 as compared to \$74.65 per MWh during 2008. The reduction in the actual price of purchased power helps decrease the under-collection balance in the electric supply cost balancing account. To the extent that the actual weighted average annual cost for power purchased exceeds the \$77 per MWh amount, GSWC will not be able to include these amounts in its balancing account and such amounts will be expensed. There were no amounts expensed over the \$77 per MWh cap during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008.

Charges to GSWC by Southern California Edison (Edison) associated with the transportation of energy over Edison spower system and the abandonment of a transmission line upgrade have increased under Edison stariff to levels that exceed the amounts authorized by the CPUC in BVES retail power rates to its customers. The incremental cost increase to GSWC from the tariff for the abandonment of a transmission line upgrade, which is not currently included in rates, is \$38,137 per month. The incremental costs of \$3.7 million at September 30, 2009 not included in rates have been included in the balancing account at September 30, 2009 for subsequent recovery from customers, subject to CPUC approval.

Power system delivery costs are not subject to the \$77 per MWh price cap referenced above. Other components, such as interest accrued on the cumulative under-collected balance and power lost during transmission, also affect the balance of the electric supply cost balancing account.

Water Supply Cost Balancing Accounts As permitted by the CPUC, Registrant maintains water supply cost balancing accounts for GSWC to account for under-collections and over-collections of revenues designed to recover such costs. The supply cost balancing accounts track differences between the current cost for supply items (water, power and pump taxes) charged by GSWC s suppliers and the cost for those items incorporated into GSWC s rates. Under-collections (recorded as regulatory assets) occur when the current cost exceeds the amount in rates for these items and, conversely, over-collections (recorded as regulatory liabilities) occur when the current cost of these items is less than the amount in rates. Typically, under-collections or over-collections, when they occur, are tracked in the supply cost balancing accounts for future recovery or refund through a surcharge (in the event of an under-collection) or through a surcredit (in the event of an over-collection) on customers bills. Registrant accrues interest on its supply cost balancing accounts at the rate prevailing for 90-day commercial paper. Registrant does not maintain a supply cost balancing account for CCWC.

For the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, approximately \$339,000 and \$1.8 million of under-collections (including interest), respectively, were recorded in the water supply cost balancing accounts. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008,

approximately \$1.1 million and \$3.9 million of under-collections (including interest), respectively, were recorded in the water supply cost balancing accounts. Amortization of surcharges that are in rates to recover under-collections from customers and surcredits that are in rates to refund over-collections to customers also increase or decrease the water supply cost balancing accounts, as applicable. During the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, approximately \$2.7 million and \$860,000, respectively, of surcharges were billed to customers to decrease previously incurred under-collections in

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the water supply cost balancing accounts. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, approximately \$6.5 million and \$613,000 of surcharges were billed to customers to decrease previously incurred under-collections in the water supply cost balancing accounts.

As of September 30, 2009, there is a net under-collection of approximately \$6.5 million in the water supply cost balancing accounts. Of this amount, approximately \$3.5 million relates to GSWC s Region III customer service area. The remaining \$3.0 million net under-collections in the water supply cost balancing accounts relate to GSWC s Region I net under-collection of \$2.6 million and Region II s net under-collection of \$0.4 million. Currently, there are surcharges in place at each of the three regions to recover these under-collections over a period ranging from 12 to 24 months. When these surcharges expire, any unrecovered balances will be included for recovery in a future filing.

On August 21, 2008, the CPUC issued a final decision which approved a settlement agreement between GSWC and the CPUC s Division of Ratepayer Advocates ( DRA ) regarding conservation rate design. As a result of this decision, GSWC is permitted to establish a Modified Cost Balancing Account ( MCBA ) that will permit GSWC to recover supply costs related to changes in water supply mix in addition to rate changes by GSWC s suppliers. GSWC implemented this MCBA in late November 2008 for Regions II and III and September 1, 2009 for Region I. This account replaces the current water supply cost balancing account procedure for costs incurred after the modified supply cost balancing account was implemented.

#### Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism ( WRAM ) and Modified Cost Balancing Account:

With the adoption of the WRAM and the MCBA effective November 25, 2008 for Regions II and III and September 1, 2009 for Region I, GSWC began recording the difference between what is billed to its regulated customers and that authorized by the CPUC. Under the WRAM, GSWC records the adopted level of volumetric revenues as authorized by the CPUC for metered accounts (adopted volumetric revenues). While the WRAM tracks volumetric-based revenues, the revenue requirements approved by the CPUC include service charges, flat rate charges, and other items that are not subject to the WRAM. Approximately 66% of GSWC s total adopted revenues are volumetric-based. The adopted volumetric revenues considers the seasonality of consumption of water based upon historical averages. The variance between adopted volumetric revenues and actual billed volumetric revenues for metered accounts is recorded as a component of revenue with an offsetting entry to a regulatory asset or liability balancing account. The variance amount may be positive (under-collection) or negative (over-collection) and represents amounts that will be billed or refunded to customers in the future.

Under the MCBA, GSWC began tracking adopted expense levels for purchased water, purchased power and pump taxes, as established by the CPUC. Variances (which include the effects of changes in both rate and volume) between adopted and actual purchased water, purchased power, and pump tax expenses are recorded as a component of the supply cost balancing account provision, as the amount of such variances will be recovered from or refunded to GSWC s customers at a later date. This is reflected with an offsetting entry to a regulatory asset or liability balancing account.

The balances in the WRAM and MCBA assets and liabilities accounts will fluctuate on a monthly basis depending upon the variance between adopted and actual results. The recovery or refund of the WRAM is netted against the MCBA over-or under-collection for the corresponding Region. The over-or-under collections bear interest at the current 90 day commercial paper rate. GSWC intends to seek approval from the CPUC to refund or collect the balance in the accounts when the amount for WRAM net of MCBA achieves a pre-determined level (i.e., at least 2.5 percent over-or under-recovery of the approved revenue requirement). Account balances less than those levels may be refunded or collected in GSWC s general rate case proceedings or aggregated with future calendar year balances for comparison with the pre-determined recovery level of 2.5 percent of adopted revenues. As of September 30, 2009, GSWC has a net aggregated regulatory asset of \$12.6 million which is comprised of a \$16.5 million under-collection in the WRAM accounts and \$3.9 million over-collection in the MCBA accounts. The revenue

requirement and volumetric revenues are adopted as part of a General Rate Case (GRC) every three years. Region I will file its next GRC in January 2010 with new rates effective for 2011 and 2012. All water regions will file one GRC in July of 2011 with rates effective January 2013. As part of future GRCs, the CPUC is expected to adopt new volumetric revenues based on historical usage patterns and the revenue requirement adopted in these GRCs.

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#### Water Conservation Memorandum Accounts ( WCMA )

The CPUC also approved an advice letter filing in a separate proceeding to allow GSWC to create and implement a Water Conservation Memorandum Account ( WCMA ) to track the extraordinary expenses and revenue shortfall associated with conservation measures in conjunction with the declared drought in California. The WCMA was effective August 18, 2008 and was used to track on-going extraordinary expenses, and the revenue shortfall until the WRAM was implemented on November 25, 2008 for Regions II and III and September 1, 2009 for Region I. On November 24, 2008, approximately \$2.0 million of net under-collections were included in the WCMA for Regions II and III prior to the implementation of the WRAM. On April 16, 2009, the CPUC approved the advice letter filed by GSWC to recover the \$2.0 million through a 12-month surcharge to customers bills. The surcharge went into effect on April 21, 2009. Accordingly, GSWC established a \$2.0 million regulatory asset for Regions II and III during the second quarter of 2009. At September 30, 2009, the balance for Regions II and III is \$1.2 million, net of amounts collected from customers through the 12-month surcharge. In addition, GSWC established an \$852,000 regulatory asset in the second quarter of 2009 for the activity in Regions I s WCMA through June 30, 2009 and an additional \$297,000 during the third quarter of 2009 for a total balance at September 30, 2009 of \$1.1 million. The regulatory asset for Region I s WCMA balance was incurred during the period of August 18, 2008 through August 31, 2009. Management believes that these amounts are also probable of recovery. In October 2009, GSWC filed an advice letter for recovery of Region I s WCMA, through a 12-month surcharge for amounts incurred during the period of August 18, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

#### **Costs Deferred for Future Recovery:**

In 1999, GSWC sued Aerojet-General Corporation ( Aerojet ) for contaminating the Sacramento County Groundwater Basin, which affected certain GSWC wells. On a related matter, GSWC also filed a lawsuit against the State of California (the State ). The CPUC authorized memorandum accounts to allow for recovery, from customers, of costs incurred by GSWC in prosecuting the cases against Aerojet and the State, less any recovery from the defendants or others. On July 21, 2005, the CPUC authorized GSWC to collect approximately \$21.3 million of the Aerojet litigation memorandum account, through a rate surcharge, which will continue for no longer than 20 years. Beginning in October 2005, new rates went into effect to begin amortizing the memorandum account over a 20-year period. A rate surcharge generating approximately \$277,000 and \$299,000 was billed to customers during the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and \$740,000 and \$789,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. GSWC will keep the Aerojet memorandum account open until the earlier of full amortization of the balance or 20 years. However, no costs will be added to the memorandum account, other than on-going interest charges approved by the CPUC decision. Pursuant to the decision, additional interest of approximately \$12,000 and \$111,000 was added to the Aerojet litigation memorandum account during the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and \$45,000 and \$367,000 was added to the Aerojet memorandum account during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and

Aerojet has also agreed to reimburse GSWC \$17.5 million, plus interest accruing from January 1, 2004, for GSWC s past legal and expert costs, which is included in the Aerojet litigation memorandum account. The reimbursement of the \$17.5 million is contingent upon the issuance of land use approvals for development in a defined area within Aerojet property in Eastern Sacramento County and the receipt of certain fees in connection with such development. The Westborough development is within the defined area in the settlement agreement. It is management s intention to offset certain proceeds from the housing development by Aerojet in the Westborough areas, pursuant to the settlement agreement, against the balance in this litigation memorandum account. At this time, management believes the full balance of the Aerojet litigation memorandum account will be collected by 2025.

#### Pensions and Other Postretirement Obligations:

There was an increase in the underfunded status of the pension plan during 2008 which has resulted in higher pension costs during 2009. The amount included in rates for recovery of pension costs in 2009 were previously established in that last GRC and did not include this higher level of costs. In March 2009, GSWC filed an advice letter with the CPUC requesting authorization to establish a Pension Costs Memorandum Account to track the difference between the pension costs authorized by the CPUC and included in customer rates, and actual pension costs in 2009. The CPUC denied this request indicating that amounts established in the previous GRC will remain in effect. GSWC also amended its current rate case application to request a two-way balancing account to track fluctuations in the forecasted annual pension expense adopted in rates and the actual annual expense to be recorded by GSWC in 2010, 2011 and 2012 in accordance with the accounting guidance for pension costs. If approved as filed, GSWC will establish a regulatory asset or liability in those years, for any shortfalls or excesses in this account.

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#### **Derivative Gains and Losses on Purchased Power Contracts Memorandum Account:**

As described in Note 4, in October 2008 GSWC executed a new purchased power contract. GSWC began receiving power under this contract on January 1, 2009 at a fixed cost over three and five year terms depending on the amount of power and period during which the power will be purchased under the contract. The new contract is also subject to the accounting guidance on derivatives, and requires mark-to-market derivative accounting. In May 2009, the CPUC issued a final decision approving the new purchased power contract. In the decision, the CPUC also authorized the establishment of a regulatory asset and liability memorandum account to offset the entries required by the accounting guidance on derivatives. Accordingly, all unrealized gains and losses generated from the new purchased power contract will be deferred on a monthly basis into a non-interest bearing regulatory memorandum account that will track the changes in fair value of the derivative throughout the term of the contract. As of September 30, 2009, \$7.0 million of cumulative unrealized losses have been included in this memorandum account, therefore not impacting earnings.

#### **Deferred Rate Case Costs:**

Included in GSWC s other regulatory assets are deferred rate case costs totaling \$3.7 million. These are direct costs consisting primarily of outside consulting services, which have been incurred in connection with the preparation and processing of a GRC. Historically, GSWC has deferred these costs as a regulatory asset which are then recovered in rates and amortized over the term of a rate case cycle once the new rates go into effect. In the current GRC for Regions II and III and the general office, the CPUC s Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) is challenging GSWC s historical practice of deferring these costs with subsequent recovery upon the effective date of the new rates. Instead, DRA believes that rate case costs should be projected for future periods and recovered prospectively. Management believes that DRA s rationale and recommendations are inconsistent with GSWC s historical practice of deferring and recovering rate case expenses associated with the current GRC. This practice has not been challenged by the CPUC in prior rate cases. GSWC will vigorously defend its position. However, if DRA prevails, GSWC may be required to write-off approximately \$2.3 million as of September 30, 2009 related to the current water rate case. At this time, GSWC is unable to predict the outcome of this matter.

#### **BVES:**

GSWC s BVES division has been regularly filing compliance reports with the CPUC regarding its purchases of energy from renewable energy resources. The filings indicated that BVES has not achieved interim target purchase levels of renewable energy resources and thus, on its face, might have a potential penalty. The CPUC considered the future timing and applicability of renewable energy resource requirements as they apply to smaller energy utilities like BVES. On May 30, 2008, the CPUC issued its final decision regarding the renewable responsibilities of small utilities (including BVES). The final decision affirmed the renewable obligation targets for small utilities but also allowed small utilities to defer compliance under the CPUC s flexible compliance rules. BVES is required to describe in detail the problems that warrant further deferral annually in accordance with the CPUC s flexible compliance rules. Because the final decision deferred BVES interim target purchase levels for the years 2004 through 2007, management believes that the CPUC s decision effectively forecloses any exposure to financial penalties for the year 2007 and earlier. For the 2008 year, BVES did not meet the interim targets and expects that the CPUC will waive any potential fines in accordance with the flexible compliance rules. Accordingly, no provision for loss has been recorded in the financial statements as of September 30, 2009. At this time, management has determined that interim targets for the 2009 year will not be met but expects the CPUC to waive any potential fines in accordance with the flexible compliance rules.

BVES is in negotiations with two parties with respect to the purchase of biogas that would be used in BVES generator plant and the purchase of electricity generated at a landfill site. BVES intends to seek regulatory approval of the contracts, if negotiations are successful. If approved by

the CPUC, GSWC anticipates that BVES will be able to meet its 20% renewable requirement in 2010.

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#### **CCWC Other Regulatory Assets/Liabilities:**

Fountain Hills Sanitary District (FHSD) is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona that provides sanitary sewer service to customers residing within CCWC s water service area. In connection with its sanitary system, FHSD constructed a recharge system whereby it recharges treated effluent through multiple injection wells. In order for FHSD to secure an Aquifer Protection Permit for its recharge system, FHSD requested CCWC to permanently cease using one of its wells. As a possible replacement for this well, FHSD constructed a new well adjacent to the community center (Community Center Well). However, this well was not able to produce an amount of water equivalent to the amount produced by CCWC s well that was taken out of production. Accordingly, in February 2005, CCWC entered into an agreement with FHSD whereby CCWC agreed to permanently remove from service this well and in return CCWC received a settlement fee of \$1,520,000 from FHSD. Pursuant to the agreement, CCWC agreed to: (i) permanently remove from service and cap this well, and cap another well which had never been used as a potable source of supply; (ii) relinquish any legal claim or interest that CCWC may otherwise possess in the Community Center Well, and (iii) grant an option to FHSD to acquire one of the wells at a future date at fair market value. The removal of these two wells from service did not have a significant impact on CCWC s water supply.

In 2005, CCWC recognized a net gain of \$760,000 related to this settlement agreement and established a regulatory liability for the remaining \$760,000 that remained as of December 31, 2008 pending ACC review of this matter. On October 8, 2009, the ACC made a final ruling ordering CCWC to treat the entire gain of \$1,520,000 from the settlement agreement with FHSD as a reduction to rate base. As a result, CCWC has recorded a loss of \$760,000 during the third quarter of 2009. This effectively reverses the original gain recorded in 2005.

#### Other Regulatory Matters:

On February 15, 2007, the CPUC issued a subpoena to GSWC in connection with an investigation of certain work orders and charges paid to a specific contractor used by GSWC for numerous construction projects totaling approximately \$24.0 million. The CPUC s investigation focuses on whether GSWC was overcharged for these construction projects and whether these overcharges were approved in customer rates. The construction projects completed by this specific contractor related primarily to work on water treatment and pumping plants which have been placed in service and are used and useful. In September 2007, GSWC received notification from the CPUC that it was instituting an audit. The purpose of the audit was to examine for the period 1994 to the present, GSWC s policies, procedures, and practices throughout all of its Regions regarding the granting or awarding of construction contracts or jobs. GSWC is currently responding to data requests submitted by the CPUC including recent data requests which asked for information prior to 1994. Management cannot predict the outcome of the investigation or audit at this time.

In January 2009, the ACC staff requested information regarding the CPUC subpoena and on-going audit. GSWC has been working with the ACC staff and has provided responsive materials that are relevant to CCWC. Management cannot predict the outcome of the ACC s request. Although the ACC has issued a decision in the CCWC general rate case, they have held the proceeding open pending resolution of the staff review of the CPUC subpoena documents.

In June 2009, GSWC implemented water conservation and rationing in its Bay Point customer service area. GSWC has also filed advice letters with the CPUC and implemented mandatory conservation and rationing in its Simi Valley, Orange County, Metropolitan, Claremont, San Dimas and San Gabriel Valley customer service areas. Reduction goals range from 6% to 15% depending on the area. GSWC will consider taking similar actions in other customer service areas as

needed.

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#### Note 3 Earnings per Share/Capital Stock:

Registrant computes earnings per share ( EPS ) in accordance with the accounting guidance for the effect of participating securities on EPS calculations and the use of the two-class method. The guidance requires the use of the two-class method of computing EPS for companies with participating securities. The two-class method is an earnings allocations formula that determines EPS for each class of common stock and participating security. AWR has participating securities related to stock options that earn dividend equivalents on an equal basis with Common Shares that have been issued under AWR s 2003 Non-Employee Directors Stock Plan, and the restricted stock units under AWR s 2000 Stock Incentive Plan and 2008 Stock Incentive Plan. In applying the two-class method, undistributed earnings are allocated to both Common Shares and participating securities. The following is a reconciliation of Registrant s net income and weighted average Common Shares outstanding for calculating basic net income per share:

		For The Three Months Ended September 30,			For The Ni		
Basic		-	temb	,	Ended Sep	temb	,
1	ds, except per share amounts)	2009		2008	2009		2008
Net income		\$ 9,698	\$	4,552	\$ 26,129	\$	19,139
	Distributed earnings to common						
Less: (a)	shareholders	4,625		4,317	13,422		12,939
	Distributed earnings to participating						
	securities	22		24	62		67
Undistribut	ted earnings	5,051		211	12,645		6,133
	Undistributed earnings allocated to common						
(b)	shareholders	5,026		210	12,587		6,102
	Undistributed earnings allocated to participating						
	securities	25		1	58		31
Total incor	ne available to common shareholders, basic (a)+(b)	\$ 9,651	\$	4,527	\$ 26,009	\$	19,041
Weighted a	verage Common Shares outstanding, basic	18,502		17,268	17,896		17,252
Basic earn	ings per Common Share	\$ 0.52	\$	0.26	\$ 1.45	\$	1.10

Diluted EPS is based upon the weighted average number of Common Shares, including both outstanding shares and shares potentially issuable in connection with stock options and restricted stock units granted under the Registrant s 2000 and 2008 Stock Incentive Plans, and the 2003 Non-Employee Directors Stock Plan, and net income. At September 30, 2009 and 2008 there were 679,258 and 544,778 options outstanding, respectively, under these Plans. At September 30, 2009 and 2008, there were also 86,947 and 76,809 restricted stock units outstanding, respectively, under these Plans.

The following is a reconciliation of Registrant s net income and weighted average Common Shares outstanding for calculating diluted net income per share:

		For The Three Months					ne Moi	nths
Diluted	Ended September 30,					Ended Sep	tember	30,
(in thousands, except per share amounts)		2009		2008		2009		2008
Common shareholders earnings, basic	\$	9,651	\$	4,527	\$	26,009	\$	19,041
Undistributed earnings for dilutive stock options		25		1		58		31

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Total common shareholders earnings, diluted	\$ 9,676	\$ 4,528 \$	26,067	\$ 19,072
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic	18,502	17,268	17,896	17,252
Stock-based compensation (1)	143	136	133	126
Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted	18,645	17,404	18,029	17,378
Diluted earnings per Common Share	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.26 \$	1.45	\$ 1.10

<sup>(1)</sup> In applying the treasury stock method of reflecting the dilutive effect of outstanding stock-based compensation in the calculation of diluted EPS, 422,553 and 333,792 stock options at September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, were deemed to be outstanding in accordance with the accounting guidance on earnings per share. All of the 86,947 and 76,809 restricted stock units at September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, were included in the calculation of diluted EPS for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008.

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Stock options of 252,326 and 110,713 were outstanding at September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, but not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the related option exercise price was greater than the average market price of AWR s Common Shares for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008. Stock options of 4,379 and 100,273 were outstanding at September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, but not included in the computation of diluted EPS because they were antidilutive.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, Registrant issued 54,971 and 27,382 Common Shares, for approximately \$1.4 million and \$708,000, respectively, under Registrant s Common Share Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan, the 401(k) Plan, and the stock incentive plans.

In May 2009, AWR completed a public offering of 1,150,000 shares of its Common Shares, including 150,000 shares issued upon exercise of an option granted to the underwriters to cover over-allotments, at a price to the public of \$31 per share. The net proceeds from the offering were \$34.0 million, after deductions of underwriting commissions and discounts, and direct legal and accounting fees. The Company used the proceeds of the offering to repay short-term debt.

In addition, Registrant purchased 13,772 Common Shares on the open market during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 under Registrant s Common Share Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan and 27,566 Common Shares during the nine months ended September 30, 2008, under Registrant s Common Share Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan and 401(k) Plan. The Common Shares purchased by Registrant were used to satisfy the requirements of these plans.

During each of the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, AWR paid quarterly dividends to shareholders of approximately \$4.6 million and \$4.3 million, or \$0.25 per share, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, AWR paid quarterly dividends to shareholders of approximately \$13.3 million and \$12.9 million, or \$0.75 per share, respectively.

#### **Note 4 Derivative Instruments:**

Most of the electric energy sold by BVES to its customers is purchased from others. To mitigate exposure to spot-market prices, Registrant has entered into purchased power contracts, which are subject to derivative accounting, to serve its BVES customer service area. By entering into these fixed-priced purchased power contracts, Registrant has been able to limit the amount of risk and uncertainty due to spot-market price variability. Changes in electricity costs are outside of management s control. Therefore, the purpose of entering into these fixed price contracts is to stabilize purchased power costs. Except for the resale of small amounts of power in the spot market that are in excess of BVES customers needs, the power purchased under the contracts is only used to service BVES customers demand.

Registrant had certain block-forward purchased power contracts that were subject to the accounting guidance for derivatives. During 2002, GSWC became a party to block-forward purchased power contracts that qualified as derivative instruments under the accounting guidance. As a result, unrealized gains and losses were recorded to earnings on a monthly basis to reflect the fair market value of the derivative at the end of each month. These contracts expired on December 31, 2008. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, \$3.7 million of unrealized losses and \$766,000 of unrealized gains, respectively, on purchased power contracts were recorded to GSWC s earnings.

In October 2008, GSWC executed a new purchased power contract that permits GSWC to purchase power at a fixed cost over three and five year terms depending on the amount of power and period during which the power will be purchased under the contract. The new contract is also subject to the accounting guidance for derivatives and requires mark-to-market derivative accounting. GSWC began receiving power under this contract on January 1, 2009. In May 2009, the CPUC issued a final decision approving the contract and authorized GSWC to establish a regulatory asset and liability memorandum account to offset the entries required by the accounting guidance. Accordingly, all unrealized gains and losses generated from the new purchased power contract will be deferred on a monthly basis into the non-interest bearing regulatory memorandum account that will track the changes in fair value of the derivative throughout the term of the contract. As a result, unrealized derivative gains and losses from the new contract will not affect GSWC s earnings, and will have no impact on power purchased for resale due to regulatory accounting treatment.

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On a monthly basis, the related asset or liability from the new purchased power contract is adjusted to reflect the fair market value at the end of the month. Registrant adopted the accounting guidance on fair value measurements effective January 1, 2008 for financial assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis. The accounting guidance applies to all financial assets and financial liabilities that are being measured and reported on a fair value basis. There was no impact in the adoption of the new accounting guidance to the consolidated financial statements. However, the guidance requires disclosure that establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. The statement requires fair value measurements to be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2: Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs which are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability, or

Level 3: Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e., supported by little or no market activity).

Registrant s valuation model utilizes various inputs that include quoted market prices for energy over the duration of the contracts. The market prices used to determine the fair value for this derivative instrument were estimated based on independent sources such as broker quotes and publications that are not observable in or corroborated by the market. Registrant receives one broker quote to determine the fair value of its derivative instrument. When such inputs have a significant impact on the measurement of fair value, the instrument is categorized in Level 3. Accordingly, the valuation of the derivative on Registrant s new purchased power contract has been classified as Level 3 for all periods presented.

The following tables present changes in the fair value of the derivative for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008.

	Fo	or The Three Months	Ended S	eptember 30,
(dollars in thousands)		2009		2008
Balance, at beginning of the period	\$	(8,547)	\$	2,953
Unrealized (loss) gain on purchased power contracts		1,521		(3,741)
Balance, at end of the period	\$	(7,026)	\$	(788)

	For T	The Nine Months Ended S	eptember 30,
(dollars in thousands)	200	)9	2008
Balance, at beginning of the period	\$	\$	(1,554)
Unrealized (loss) gain on purchased power contracts		(7,026)	766
Balance, at end of the period	\$	(7,026) \$	(788)

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, the unrealized gains (losses) were included in regulatory assets. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, the unrealized (losses) and gains were included in operating expenses.

## Note 5 Fair Value of Financial Instruments:

For cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and short-term debt, the carrying amount is assumed to approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of the amounts. The table below estimates the fair value of long-term debt held by the utility subsidiaries. Rates available to the utility subsidiaries at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 for debt with similar terms and remaining maturities were used to estimate fair value for long-term debt. Changes in the assumptions will produce differing results.

		Septembe	r 30, 20	09	December 31, 2008					
(dollars in thousands)	Carr	ying Amount		Fair Value	Carı	ying Amount	Fair Value			
Financial liabilities:										
Long-term debt GSWC	\$	300,661	\$	332,518	\$	260,887	\$	304,069		
Long-term debt CCWC		6,285		5,884		6,285		6,123		
Total AWR	\$	306,946	\$	338,402	\$	267,172	\$	310,192		

In March 2009, GSWC issued a 6.7% Senior Note due March 10, 2019 with an aggregate principal amount of \$40.0 million.

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#### Note 6 Income Taxes:

As a regulated utility, GSWC treats certain temporary differences as flow-through adjustments in computing its income tax provision consistent with the income tax approach approved by the CPUC for ratemaking purposes. Flow-through adjustments increase or decrease tax expense in one period, with an offsetting increase or decrease occurring in another period. Giving effect to these temporary differences as flow-through adjustments typically results in a greater variance between the effective tax rate (ETR) and the statutory federal income tax rate in any given period than would otherwise exist if GSWC were not required to account for its income taxes as a regulated enterprise.

Registrant s policy is to classify interest on income tax over/underpayments in interest income/expense and penalties in operating expenses.

On February 20, 2009, California s governor signed two bills into law that amended and added several new provisions to California s Revenue and Taxation Code. One of the provisions in these bills changed the manner by which most taxpayers may compute the portion of their income derived from multiple jurisdictions that is subject to California taxation. During the first quarter of 2009, AWR applied the change in tax law resulting from enactment of the bills based on its understanding of the legislature s intent, which is to permit taxpayers to apply an alternative apportionment method commencing with the 2011 tax year. On October 11, 2009, California s governor signed a bill into law that conformed the new provision s language to the legislature s intent, consistent with AWR s understanding of that intent. As a result of management s intention to apply the alternative method, AWR adjusted its deferred tax balances at March 31, 2009 to reflect the expected amount at which it will realize its California deferred taxes consistent with the change in tax law, as well as refining certain related estimates. This resulted in the recording of a benefit of approximately \$918,000 during the first quarter of 2009. While the effect of the tax law change will continue to affect AWR s state taxes, the future effects may be beneficial or detrimental depending on a combination of the profitability of AWR s non-California activities as well as the relative proportion of the factor(s) applied by its apportionment method. Quarterly, management will assess its intention to apply the alternative method and will adjust its deferred tax balances accordingly.

GSWC continues to compute its state tax provision as if it were autonomous and not a member of AWR s unitary group. This approach is consistent with the methodology used for ratemaking purposes. Given that 100 percent of GSWC s activities are conducted within California, GSWC s state tax provision does not reflect apportionment of its income; consequently, the change in California law has had no effect upon GSWC s state taxes.

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#### Note 7 Employee Benefit Plans:

The components of net periodic benefit costs, before allocation to the overhead pool, for Registrant s pension plan, postretirement plan, and Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

#### For The Three Months Ended September 30,

				Other Post	retir	ement			
	Pension Benefits			Bene	efits		Sl	ERP	
(dollars in thousands)	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009		2008
Components of Net Periodic Benefits									
Cost:									
Service cost	\$ 1,082	\$	896	\$ 86	\$	86	\$ 87	\$	60
Interest cost	1,435		1,350	160		161	83		63
Expected return on plan assets	(972)		(1,235)	(52)		(63)			
Amortization of transition				105		105			
Amortization of prior service cost									
(benefit)	30		30	(50)		(50)	40		230
Amortization of actuarial loss (gain)	572								(14)
Net periodic pension cost	\$ 2,147	\$	1,041	\$ 249	\$	239	\$ 210	\$	339

## For The Nine Months Ended September 30,

	Other Postretirement												
	Pension Benefits					Ben		SERP					
(dollars in thousands)		2009		2008		2009		2008		2009		2008	
Components of Net Periodic Benefits													
Cost:													
Service cost	\$	3,246	\$	2,688	\$	258	\$	258	\$	261	\$	180	
Interest cost		4,305		4,050		480		483		249		189	
Expected return on plan assets		(2,916)		(3,705)		(156)		(189)					
Amortization of transition						315		315					
Amortization of prior service cost													
(benefit)		90		90		(150)		(150)		120		690	
Amortization of actuarial loss (gain)		1,716										(42)	
-													
Net periodic pension cost	\$	6,441	\$	3,123	\$	747	\$	717	\$	630	\$	1,017	

Registrant has contributed approximately \$8.6 million to the pension plan and expects to contribute \$570,000 to the postretirement medical plan later in 2009. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, \$7.4 million and \$8.6 million was contributed to the pension plan, respectively. In May 2009, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of a Rabbi Trust created for the SERP plan. An amount of \$842,000 was deposited in the trust on June 15, 2009.

There was a significant increase in the underfunded status of the pension plan during 2008. This was primarily due to a significant decrease in the fair value of plan assets due to market conditions during 2008. The increase in the underfunded status of the pension plan resulted in higher pension costs during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. However, during the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the fair value of the pension plan assets increased by approximately 21.5% since December 31, 2008.

Note 8 Contingencies:

#### Water Ouality-Related Litigation:

Perchlorate and/or Volatile Organic Compounds ( VOC ) have been detected in five wells servicing GSWC s South San Gabriel System. GSWC filed suit in federal court, along with two other affected water purveyors and the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority ( WQA ), against some of those allegedly responsible for the contamination of two of these wells. Some of the potential defendants settled with GSWC, other water purveyors and the WQA (the Water Entities ), on VOC related issues prior to the filing of the lawsuit. In response to the filing of the lawsuit, the Potentially Responsible Party ( PRP ) defendants filed motions to dismiss the suit or strike certain portions of the suit. The judge issued a ruling on April 1, 2003 granting in part and denying in part the PRP s motions. A key ruling of the court was that the water purveyors, including GSWC, by virtue of their ownership of wells contaminated with hazardous chemicals are themselves PRPs under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ( CERCLA ).

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GSWC has, pursuant to permission of the court, amended its suit to claim certain affirmative defenses as an innocent party under CERCLA. Registrant is presently unable to predict the outcome of this ruling on its ability to fully recover from the PRP s future costs associated with the treatment of these wells. In this same suit, the PRP s have filed cross-complaints against the Water Entities, the Metropolitan Water District, the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster and others on the theory that they arranged for and did transport contaminated water into the Main San Gabriel Basin for use by GSWC and the other two affected water purveyors and for other related claims.

On August 29, 2003, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued Unilateral Administrative Orders (UAO) against 41 parties deemed responsible for polluting the groundwater in that portion of the San Gabriel Valley from which the two impacted GSWC wells draw water. GSWC was not named as a party to the UAO. The UAO requires that these parties remediate the contamination. The judge in the lawsuit has appointed a special master to oversee mandatory settlement discussions between the PRP s and the Water Entities. EPA is also conducting settlement discussions with several PRP s regarding the UAO. The Water Entities and EPA are working to coordinate their settlement discussions under the special master in order to arrive at a complete resolution of all issues affecting the lawsuit and the UAO. Settlements with a number of the PRP s are being finalized; however, Registrant is presently unable to predict the ultimate outcome of these settlement discussions.

#### **Condemnation of Properties:**

The laws of the State of California and the State of Arizona provide for the acquisition of public utility property by governmental agencies through their power of eminent domain, also known as condemnation, where doing so is necessary and in the public interest. In addition, however, the laws of California provide: (i) that the owner of utility property may contest whether the condemnation is actually necessary and in the public interest, and (ii) that the owner is entitled to receive the fair market value of its property if the property is ultimately taken.

Although the City of Claremont, California (the City ) located in GSWC s Region III, has not initiated the formal condemnation process pursuant to California law, the City has expressed various concerns to GSWC about the rates charged by GSWC and the effectiveness of the CPUC s rate-setting procedures. As of September 30, 2009, management believes that the fair market value of the Claremont water system exceeds its \$42.4 million recorded net book value. The Claremont City council members agreed that the acquisition of GSWC s water system was to remain a priority and authorized staff to obtain updated appraisals for the value of the water systems. In meetings held in 2008 and 2009, the Claremont City Council stated that they had decided to authorize additional studies of the acquisition of GSWC s water system and planned to move forward on this matter.

The Town of Apple Valley (the Town ) abandoned its activities related to a potential condemnation of GSWC s water system serving the Town in 2007. However, in April 2009, the Town announced that it will again consider a potential takeover of GSWC s Apple Valley water systems as well as those of another privately-owned utility. The Town Council has directed staff to research the costs associated with updating the previously prepared financial feasibility study for the acquisition of GSWC s water system.

Except for the City of Claremont and the Town of Apple Valley, Registrant has not been, within the last three years, involved in activities related to the potential condemnation of any of its water customer service areas or in its BVES customer service area. No formal condemnation proceedings have been filed against any of the Registrant s service areas during the past three years.

#### Santa Maria Groundwater Basin Adjudication:

In 1997, the Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District (plaintiff) filed a lawsuit against multiple defendants, including GSWC, the City of Santa Maria, and several other public water purveyors. The plaintiff slawsuit sought an adjudication of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin (the Basin). A stipulated settlement of the lawsuit has been reached, subject to CPUC approval. The settlement, among other things, if approved by the CPUC, would preserve GSWC shistorical pumping rights and secure supplemental water rights for use in case of drought or other reductions in the natural yield of the Basin. GSWC, under the stipulation, has a right to 10,000 acre-feet of groundwater replenishment provided by the Twitchell Project, a storage and flood control reservoir project operated by the Santa Maria Valley Conservation District. A monitoring and annual reporting program has been established to allow the parties to responsibly manage the Basin and to respond to shortage conditions. If severe water shortage conditions are found over a period of five years, the management area engineer will make findings and recommendations to alleviate such shortages. If the Basin experiences severe shortage conditions, the court has the authority to limit GSWC s groundwater production to 10,248 acre-feet per year, based on developed water in the Basin.

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On February 11, 2008, the court issued its final judgment, which approves and incorporates the stipulation. The judgment awards GSWC prescriptive rights to groundwater against the non-stipulating parties. In addition, the judgment grants GSWC the right to use the Basin for temporary storage and to recapture 45 percent of the return flows that are generated from its importation of State Water Project water. Pursuant to this judgment, the court retains jurisdiction over all of the parties to make supplemental orders or to amend the judgment as necessary. On March 20, 2008, the non-stipulating parties filed notices of appeal. Registrant is unable to predict the outcome of the appeal.

#### Aerojet Note Receivable:

Pursuant to the settlement agreement with Aerojet, GSWC has an \$8.0 million note receivable, plus \$2.5 million of accrued interest, guaranteed by Aerojet. This note, plus interest on the unpaid balance, is scheduled to be paid by Aerojet in installments over five years beginning in December 2009. In January 2009, Moody s Investors Service downgraded the corporate family ratings of GenCorp Inc., Aerojet s parent, further to B3 from B2 and its probability of default rating to Caa1 from B2. Obligations rated B are considered speculative by Moody s and are, in Moody s view, subject to high credit risk and have generally poor credit quality. Obligations rated Caa1 are judged by Moody s to be of poor credit standing and are, in Moody s view, subject to very high credit risk and have extremely poor credit quality. On March 31, 2009, Standard & Poor s Ratings Services, or S&P, lowered its ratings on GenCorp to CCC+ from B+ with a developing outlook. On October 14, 2009, S&P revised its outlook to positive. An S&P rating of CCC indicates a current identifiable vulnerability to default by S&P that is, in S&P s view, dependent upon favorable business, financial and economic conditions to meet timely payment of interest and repayment of principal. At this time, management believes the note receivable from Aerojet is still fully collectible and has not provided a reserve for uncollectible amounts as of September 30, 2009. GSWC will continue to assess recoverability of this note receivable.

#### Air Quality Management District:

In 1998, the South Coast Air Quality Management District ( AQMD ) issued a permit to GSWC for the installation and use of air stripping equipment at one of GSWC s groundwater treatment systems in its Region II service area. In 2005, the AQMD conducted an inspection of this facility ( Watson Well ) and issued a Notice of Violation ( NOV ) for exceeding the amount of groundwater permitted to be treated by the treatment system during calendar year 2004. In 2007, GSWC reached a settlement of the NOV with the AQMD. As part of the settlement, GSWC agreed to perform a Supplemental Environmental Program ( SEP ) that included installation and operation of granular activated carbon ( GAC ) filters at the facility. The AQMD accepted this agreement and assessed a nominal penalty. In February 2009, GSWC began operating the permanent GAC treatment system at the Watson Plant. GSWC submitted a final report to the AQMD indicating the completion of the SEP in April 2009. AQMD has acknowledged the completion of the SEP and therefore, management believes that GSWC has fulfilled its obligations under the settlement with AQMD and no further penalties are expected to be assessed. GSWC has spent approximately \$895,000 as of September 30, 2009 on the GAC treatment system. Management also believes it is probable that the capital costs incurred on this project will be approved in rate-base by the CPUC.

#### Environmental Clean-Up and Remediation:

Chadron Plant: GSWC has been involved in environmental remediation and clean-up at a plant site ( Chadron Plant ) that contained an underground storage tank which was used to store gasoline for its vehicles. This tank was removed from the ground in July 1990 along with the dispenser and ancillary piping. Since then, GSWC has been involved in various remediation activities at this site. GSWC is undertaking a multi-phase extraction cleanup program at the site. The second phase, which includes the cleanup of the groundwater, is expected to begin as soon as the extraction phase is completed. GSWC expects remediation to take at least two more years, followed by two years of monitoring and reporting.

As of September 30, 2009, the total spent to clean-up and remediate GSWC s plant facility is approximately \$2.3 million, of which \$1.5 million has been paid by the State of California Underground Storage Tank Fund and \$800,000 has been included in rate-base and approved by the CPUC for recovery. As of September 30, 2009, GSWC has an accrued liability for the estimated additional cost of \$1.1 million to complete the clean-up at the site. The ultimate cost may vary as there are many unknowns in remediation of underground gasoline spills and this is an estimate based on currently available information. Management also believes it is probable that the additional costs of remediation will be approved in rate-base by the CPUC.

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Ballona Plant: During the first quarter of 2008, hydrocarbon contaminated soil was found at a plant site (Ballona Plant) located in GSWC s Southwest customer service area where an abandoned water tank was demolished. An initial investigation and characterization of the contaminated area has been conducted. The investigation report indicates that contamination levels are below normal cleanup goals. However, GSWC contacted a local agency to get direction on what cleanup, if any, is required. The local agency inspected the site in July 2009 and recommended excavation and cleanup of the soil. At this time, management is unable to estimate the cost of cleanup for this site. Historically, the cost for this type of cleanup has been included in rates as approved by the CPUC.

#### **Mirant Settlement:**

GSWC had previously filed a complaint with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) seeking to reduce the \$95 per MWh rate in a contract entered into in 2001 with Mirant Americas Energy Marketing (Mirant Marketing) to a just and reasonable price. In May 2009, GSWC reached a settlement agreement with Mirant Energy Trading, LLC, which acquired the power contract from Mirant Marketing as a result of a bankruptcy reorganization. Pursuant to that settlement agreement, GSWC filed with the FERC a notice of the withdrawal of its complaint. The settlement agreement required Mirant Energy Trading to pay \$1 million as a cash settlement to GSWC after the withdrawal of the complaint at the FERC became effective. On May 26, 2009, the \$1 million cash settlement was received and GSWC recorded a corresponding reduction to previously incurred legal costs in the second quarter of 2009, which increased pretax earnings during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

#### Other Litigation:

Two former officers of GSWC filed a lawsuit against both AWR and GSWC alleging among other things, wrongful termination and retaliation against the former officers. Management believes that the allegations are without merit and intends to vigorously defend against them. The trial is set to commence on February 18, 2010. Based on management s understanding of all the claims, management does not believe that the ultimate resolution of this matter will have a material adverse effect on AWR s and GSWC s financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

Registrant is also subject to other ordinary routine litigation incidental to its business. Management believes that rate recovery, proper insurance coverage and reserves are in place to insure against property, general liability and workers—compensation claims incurred in the ordinary course of business. Registrant is unable to predict an estimate of the loss, if any, resulting from any pending suits or administrative proceedings.

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#### **Note 9** Business Segments:

AWR has three reportable segments, water, electric and contracted services, whereas GSWC has two segments, water and electric. Within the segments, AWR has three principal business units: water and electric service utility operations conducted through GSWC, a water-service utility operation conducted through CCWC, and a contracted services unit conducted through ASUS and its subsidiaries. All activities of GSWC are geographically located within California. All activities of CCWC are located in the state of Arizona. Activities of ASUS and its subsidiaries are presently conducted in California, Maryland, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. Both GSWC and CCWC are rate-regulated utilities. ASUS wholly-owned subsidiaries are regulated by the respective state in which the military base on which they operate is primarily located. On a stand-alone basis, AWR has no material assets other than its investments in its subsidiaries. The tables below set forth information relating to GSWC s operating segments, CCWC, ASUS and its subsidiaries, and AWR Parent. Certain assets, revenues and expenses have been allocated in the amounts set forth. The identifiable assets are net of respective accumulated provisions for depreciation. Capital additions reflect capital expenditures paid in cash and exclude property installed by developers and conveyed to GSWC or CCWC.

	As Of And For The Three Months Ended September 30, 2009												
		GSWC				CCWC	ASUS		AWR		C	onsolidated	
(dollars in thousands)		Water	Water Ele			Water	Contracts		Parent		AWR		
Operating revenues	\$	76,121	\$	6,563	\$	2,176	\$	16,641	\$		\$	101,501	
Operating income (loss)		21,122		(669)		(444)		2,456		(10)		22,455	
Interest expense, net		4,964		559		102		86		(23)		5,688	
Identifiable assets		771,578		36,842		44,802		3,072				856,294	
Depreciation and amortization expense		7,151		565		510		174				8,400	
Capital additions		16,812		340		370		1,171				18,693	

	As Of And For The Three Months Ended September 30, 2008												
		GSW	GSWC			CCWC	ASUS			AWR		nsolidated	
(dollars in thousands)		Water	er Electric			Water	C	ontracts	Parent		AWR		
Operating revenues	\$	67,316	\$	6,743	\$	2,049	\$	9,153	\$		\$	85,261	
Operating income (loss)		18,060		(4,011)(1)		524		(1,418)		(12)		13,143	
Interest expense, net		4,101		633		96		204		101		5,135	
Identifiable assets		730,849		37,803		44,468		2,339				815,459	
Depreciation and amortization expense		6,700		552		461		169				7,882	
Capital additions		19,279		172		904						20,355	

(1) Includes \$3,741,000 unrealized loss on purchased power contracts.

	As Of And For The Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009												
	GSWC				CCWC	ASUS		AWR		Co	nsolidated		
(dollars in thousands)	Water	Electric			Water		Contracts	Parent		AWR			
Operating revenues	\$ 203,594	\$	21,083	\$	5,654	\$	44,332	\$		\$	274,663		
Operating income (loss)	55,740		(1,141)		(680)		4,539		(71)		58,387		
Interest expense, net	13,834		1,613		310		275		111		16,143		
Identifiable assets	771,578		36,842		44,802		3,072				856,294		
Depreciation and amortization expense	21,456		1,694		1,505		493				25,148		
Capital additions	52,189		929		1,194		1,321				55,633		

	As Of And For The Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008												
		GSV	VC			CCWC		ASUS	AWR		Co	nsolidated	
(dollars in thousands)		Water	r Electric			Water		ontracts	Parent		AWR		
Operating revenues	\$	181,235	\$	21,754	\$	5,589	\$	25,938	\$		\$	234,516	
Operating income (loss)		47,971		1,073(2)		837		(2,567)		(128)		47,186	
Interest expense, net		12,174		1,491		330		639		37		14,671	
Identifiable assets		730,849		37,803		44,468		2,339				815,459	
Depreciation and amortization expense		20,089		1,657		1,382		357				23,485	
Capital additions		54,734											