UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: August 26, 2010

<u>MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY</u> (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>NEW JERSEY</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) <u>0-422</u> (Commission File Number) <u>22-1114430</u> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

<u>1500 RONSON ROAD, P.O. BOX 1500, ISELIN, NEW JERSEY 08830</u> (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

> (<u>732</u>)-<u>634-1500</u> (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item. 5.02. Departure of Director or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers.

Announcement of leadership changes at Middlesex Water Company as set forth in the attached press release.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY (Registrant)

<u>s/Kenneth J. Quinn</u> Kenneth J. Quinn Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: August 26, 2010

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AMY B. MANSUE AND JAMES F. COSGROVE NAMED TO MIDDLESEX WATER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ISELIN, NJ (August 26, 2010) - Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX) has named Amy B. Mansue and James F. Cosgrove, Jr., P.E. to its Board of Directors, effective September 28, 2010.

Mansue currently serves as President and CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital. Since 2003, she has been responsible for the operations and management of the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the country providing medical, developmental and rehabilitation services for nearly 17,500 children annually. Previously she served as Staff for Governor Jim Florio and Governor James McGreevey including as Deputy Commissioner of Human Services, area vice president for Cablevision and President and CEO of HIP of New Jersey. Mansue serves on the boards of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, DEVCO New Brunswick Development Corp. and the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions.

Cosgrove, a professional engineer licensed in the state of New Jersey, is a Principal in Omni Environmental LLC, which provides state of the art environmental consulting services to clients in the public and private sectors. Previously, he served as President of TRC Omni Environmental Corporation. His expertise includes water quality monitoring, watershed and wastewater management planning and environmental impact assessment. Cosgrove serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Environmental Authorities. Other professional affiliations include the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Water Resources Association, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Water Environment Federation, among others.

"We are excited to welcome Amy and Jim to the Board. They bring diverse and comprehensive backgrounds as leaders in their respective fields," said Middlesex Water Chairman, President and CEO Dennis W. Doll. "Amy brings to Middlesex a proven track record of business accomplishments in the public, private and non-profit sectors and Jim offers over two decades of professional expertise in environmental engineering and science. Their collective knowledge and experience will be a valuable asset to the leadership at Middlesex," added Doll.

In connection with these changes, Annette Catino, President and CEO of QualCare Alliance Networks, Inc. will be resigning from the Middlesex Board of Directors before the end of 2010. As a leader in the healthcare industry, Ms. Catino is anticipating and preparing for the numerous challenges and opportunities that recently-enacted federal healthcare legislation will mean for her business. "We are extremely grateful for the contributions Annette has made since joining the Middlesex Board in 2003," said Doll. "Her broad-based business background and leadership skills have demonstrated her value to her industry, to the State of New Jersey and certainly, to Middlesex Water Company. We wish Annette well as she takes on these exciting new challenges," added Doll.

About Middlesex Water Company

Middlesex Water Company is a provider of water, wastewater and related services, primarily in New Jersey and Delaware. Organized in 1897, the Company provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services through various subsidiary companies. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company's Web site at <u>www.middlesexwater.com</u> or call (732) 634-1500.

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