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: April 28, 2016

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

1500 RONSON ROAD, P.O. BOX 1500, ISELIN, NEW JERSEY 08830

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(732)-634-1500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

At its April 26, 2016 meeting, the Board of Directors of Middlesex Water Company (the "Company") declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.19875 per common share payable on June 1, 2016 for shareholders of record as of May 13, 2016. A copy of the press release announcing the dividend declaration is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated into this Form 8-K by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number

Description of Document

99.1 Press Release issued by Middlesex Water Company, dated April 28, 2016

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)

s/A. Bruce O'Connor
 A. Bruce O'Connor
 Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: April 28, 2016



MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY ANNOUNCES OUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

ISELIN, NJ April 28, 2016 -- Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ: MSEX) announced that its Board of Directors has approved a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.19875 per common share payable on June 1, 2016 to holders of record as of May 13, 2016. Middlesex Water has paid cash dividends in varying amounts continually since 1912 and has increased its dividend for 43 consecutive years.

Organized in 1897, Middlesex Water provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania through various subsidiary companies. To learn more about Middlesex Water, including information about its Direct Share Purchase and Sale and Dividend Reinvestment Plan, visit the Investor Relations section at www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 638-7549.

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, among others, our long-term strategy and expectations, the status of our acquisition program, the impact of our acquisitions, the impact of current and projected rate requests and the impact of our capital program on our environmental compliance. There are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements including: general economic business conditions, unfavorable weather conditions, the success of certain cost containment initiatives, changes in regulations or regulatory treatment, availability and the cost of capital, the success of growth initiatives and other factors discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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