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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 (Date of earliest event reported) June 18, 2006

**SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**California**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-7850**

(Commission  
File Number)

**88-0085720**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**5241 Spring Mountain Road**

**Post Office Box 98510**

**Las Vegas, Nevada**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**89193-8510**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (702) 876-7237

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 (b) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On June 18, 2006, Southwest Gas Corporation (the "Company") was informed of the death of director Manuel J. Cortez, who passed away that same day. Mr. Cortez served as a distinguished member of the board of directors of the Company since 1991 and will be greatly missed. He served on the compensation and pension plan investment committees of the board at the time of his death.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Date: June 21, 2006

/s/ JEFFREY W. SHAW

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Jeffrey W. Shaw  
Chief Executive Officer