UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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): Jun | ne 9, 2017 |
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| (Exact Na | AQUA METALS, INC. me of Registrant as Specified in Its Cha | arter) |
| Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 001-37515 (Commission File Number) | 47-1169572 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number |
| (A | 1010 Atlantic Avenue Alameda, California 94501 address of principal executive offices) | |
| (Registra | (510) 479-7635 ant's telephone number, including area of | code) |
| (Former nam | e or former address, if changed since la | st report) |
| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filiany of the following provisions. | ing is intended to simultaneously satisfy | the filing obligations of the registrant under |
| □ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 un □ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 unde □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to | er the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2 O Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act | 2(b) t (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b) |

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On June 9, 2017, our Chief Commercial Officer, Stephen Cotton, resigned from his employment with Aqua Metals, Inc. We expect that Mr. Cotton will provide consulting services to the Company through at least the end of 2017. Aqua Metals established key strategic relationships during Mr. Cotton's tenure and is now entering the next phase of development, focusing on physical deployment through expansion and addition of its own facilities and execution of the Johnson Controls licensing agreement. As of the date of this report, we do not intend to appoint a new Chief Commercial Officer.

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.

AQUA METALS, INC.

Dated: June 15, 2017 /s/ Thomas Murp

/s/ Thomas Murphy
Thomas Murphy
Chief Financial Officer