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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addr FARROW C | 1 0 | Person* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMERICAN STATES WATER CO</u> [AWR] | | ationship of Reporting Pe k all applicable) Director | 10% Owner |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| (Last) 3825 CANFIE | (First) LD ROAD | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2012 | | Officer (give title below) Vice Presi | Other (specify below) ident |
| (Street) PASADENA | CA | 91107 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indi Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Fili Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th | porting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | erivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benef | | Person | |

4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Transaction Date Execution Date. Securities Form: Direct of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) 5) Beneficial Owned Following Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Transaction(s) v Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) 05/17/2012 **Common Shares** S 1,393 D \$36.64 4,399.835 D

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| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Number | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

<u>/s/ Gladys Farrow</u>

<u>05/18/2012</u>

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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