

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>ROSS LLOYD E</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>AMERICAN STATES WATER CO [ AWR ]</b>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>08/21/2012</b>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
PO BOX 2380			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)			
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	08/13/2012		A		85.4419 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$44.31	22,481.695	D	
Common Shares	08/21/2012		M		1,000	A	\$25.4	23,481.695	D	
Common Shares	08/21/2012		M		1,000	A	\$22.75	24,481.695	D	
Common Shares	08/21/2012		S		300	D	\$44.21	24,181.695	D	
Common Shares	08/21/2012		S		300	D	\$44.22	23,881.695	D	
Common Shares	08/21/2012		S		100	D	\$44.23	23,781.695	D	
Common Shares	08/21/2012		S		200	D	\$44.25	23,581.695	D	
Common Shares	08/21/2012		S		100	D	\$44.26	23,481.695	D	
Common Shares	08/21/2012		S		200	D	\$44.28	23,281.695	D	
Common Shares	08/21/2012		S		300	D	\$44.29	22,981.695	D	
Common Shares	08/21/2012		S		200	D	\$44.33	22,781.695	D	
Common Shares	08/21/2012		S		300	D	\$44.35	22,481.695	D	

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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				
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$25.4	08/21/2012		M			1,000	05/19/2004	05/19/2013	Common Shares	1,000	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$22.75	08/21/2012		M			1,000	05/10/2005	05/10/2014	Common Shares	1,000	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. DER units credited on 8/13/2012 as dividend at FMV

/s/ Lloyd E. Ross

08/22/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

