

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CHANG SHENGDER DAVID</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 22872 CAMINITO ORO (Street) LAGUNA CA 92653 HILLS (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/29/2007	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMERICAN STATES WATER CO [AWR]</u> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 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
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common	7	D	
Common	2,126.1399	I	401k

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee stock options	01/01/2003 ⁽¹⁾	01/31/2012	Common	750	23.15	D	
Employee stock options	02/02/2004 ⁽²⁾	02/01/2014	Common	750	25.55	D	
Employee stock options	01/03/2005 ⁽³⁾	01/02/2015	Common	750	25.92	D	
Employee stock options	01/30/2006 ⁽⁴⁾	01/29/2016	Common	750	33.73	D	
Employee stock options	01/02/2007 ⁽⁵⁾	01/01/2017	Common	750	38.62	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests in 3 annual installments of 33%, 33% and 34% of the number of shares subject to the option beginning January 1, 2004
2. The option vests in 3 annual installments of 33%, 33% and 34% of the number of shares subject to the option beginning February 2, 2005
3. The option vests in 3 annual installments of 33%, 33% and 34% of the number of shares subject to the option beginning January 2, 2006
4. The option vests in 3 annual installments of 33%, 33% and 34% of the number of shares subject to the option beginning January 29, 2007
5. The option vests in 3 annual installments of 33%, 33% and 34% of the number of shares subject to the option beginning Jan. ;1, 2008

/s/ Shengder D. Chang

11/09/2007

** 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 5 (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).

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