

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>TANNER ROLAND S</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>630 E FOOTHILL BLVD</u> (Street) <u>SAN DIMAS CA 91773</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/22/2004</u>	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) <u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	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

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	6,745.1953	I	401K
Common	123	D	

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			
Stock Options	04/30/2001	04/30/2010	Common	165	20.83	D	
Stock Options	04/30/2002	04/30/2010	Common	165	20.83	D	
Stock Options	04/30/2003	04/30/2010	Common	170	20.83	D	
Stock Options	01/01/2002	01/01/2011	Common	165	23.21	D	
Stock Options	01/01/2003	01/01/2011	Common	165	23.21	D	
Stock Options	01/01/2004	01/01/2011	Common	170	23.21	D	
Stock Options	02/03/2003	02/03/2012	Common	248	23.43	D	
Stock Options	02/03/2004	02/03/2012	Common	248	23.43	D	
Stock Options	02/03/2005	02/03/2012	Common	254	23.43	D	
Stock Options	01/01/2004	12/31/2012	Common	248	23.15	D	
Stock Options	01/01/2005	12/31/2012	Common	248	23.15	D	
Stock Options	01/01/2006	12/31/2012	Common	254	23.15	D	
Stock Options	02/02/2005	02/01/2014	Common	248	25.55	D	
Stock Options	02/02/2006	02/01/2014	Common	248	25.55	D	
Stock Options	02/02/2007	02/01/2014	Common	254	25.55	D	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Roland S. Tanner 09/22/2004
 ** 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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