

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GALLAGHER JAMES B</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>15786 PISTACHIO STREET</u> (Street) <u>CHINO HILLS CA 91709</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMERICAN STATES WATER CO [AWR]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X <u>Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/14/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	08/14/2012		M		4,320	A	\$33.73	14,211.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		M		4,302	A	\$38.62	18,513.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		M		2,887	A	\$34.11	21,400.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		M		6,200	A	\$34.57	27,600.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		M		1,874	A	\$33.36	29,474.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		100	D	\$44.3	29,374.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		200	D	\$44.33	29,174.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		100	D	\$44.34	29,074.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		300	D	\$44.36	28,774.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		300	D	\$44.37	28,474.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		300	D	\$44.38	28,174.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		200	D	\$44.39	27,974.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		300	D	\$44.4	27,674.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		100	D	\$44.41	27,574.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		200	D	\$44.42	27,374.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		300	D	\$44.43	27,074.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		649	D	\$44.44	26,425.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		721	D	\$44.45	25,704.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		600	D	\$44.46	25,104.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		1,000	D	\$44.47	24,104.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		1,704	D	\$44.48	22,400.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		400	D	\$44.49	22,000.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		1,500	D	\$44.5	20,500.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		1,900	D	\$44.51	18,600.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		200	D	\$44.52	18,400.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		500	D	\$44.53	17,900.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		500	D	\$44.54	17,400.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		500	D	\$44.55	16,900.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		700	D	\$44.56	16,200.0432	D	
Common Shares	08/14/2012		S		600	D	\$44.57	15,600.0432	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)	\$33.73	08/14/2012		M			4,320	01/29/2007	01/29/2016	Common Shares	4,320	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$38.62	08/14/2012		M			4,302	01/01/2008	01/01/2017	Common Shares	4,302	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$34.11	08/14/2012		M			2,887	01/27/2009	01/27/2018	Common Shares	2,887	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$34.57	08/14/2012		M			6,200	01/29/2010	01/29/2019	Common Shares	6,200	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$33.36	08/14/2012		M			1,874	01/31/2011	01/31/2020	Common Shares	1,874	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ James B. Gallagher

08/16/2012

** 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).

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