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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | | or Section So(ii) of the investment Company Act of 1940 | | | |
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| 1 | Address of Reporting | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMERICAN STATES WATER CO</u> [AWR] | | lationship of Reporting Po k all applicable) Director | 10% Owner |
| (Last) 175 LILAC | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2008 | | Officer (give title below) Vice Presic | Other (specify below) ident |
| (Street) BREA | СА | 92823 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Ind Line) X | ividual or Joint/Group Fili Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th | eporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | 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. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Disposed Of 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
| | | Code V | | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (11311.4) |
| common | 01/02/2008 | | F | | 114 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$37.68 | 2,049.8543 | D | |
| common | 01/28/2008 | | Α | | 882 | Α | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 2,931.8543 | 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. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Num of Deriva Securi Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. and 5) | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ired 3, 4 | | 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 option (right to buy) | \$34.11 | 01/28/2008 | | A | | 2,887 | | (2) | 01/27/2018 | common | 2,887 | \$0 | 2,887 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 266 previously reported RSU's vested on 1/2/08; of which 114 were withheld to satisfy tax withholding

2. The option vests in 3 annual installments of 33%, 33% and 34% of the number of shares subject to the option beginning Jan. 27, 2009

01/31/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person

/s/ Patrick R. Scanlon

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).

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