

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Cheung Jimmy</u>			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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Controller</b>
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/10/2012</u>		
1156 W. DUARTE RD #11			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
(Street) <u>ARCADIA CA 91007</u>					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
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			

**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	01/31/2011		A		175 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$34	175	D	
Common Shares	03/01/2011		A		1.3746 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$33.1	176.3746	D	
Common Shares	06/01/2011		A		1.4444 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$34.19	177.819	D	
Common Shares	09/01/2011		A		1.4213 <sup>(4)</sup>	A	\$35.03	179.2403	D	
Common Shares	12/01/2011		A		1.4193 <sup>(5)</sup>	A	\$35.36	180.6596	D	
Common Shares	01/31/2012		F		24.7091 <sup>(9)</sup>	D	\$35.41	155.9505	D	
Common Shares	02/15/2012		A		169 <sup>(6)</sup>	A	\$36.63	324.9505	D	
Common Shares	03/01/2012		A		0.9364 <sup>(7)</sup>	A	\$36.38	325.8869	D	
Common Shares	06/01/2012		A		2.2301 <sup>(8)</sup>	A	\$36.61	328.117	D	
Common Shares	08/10/2012		M		750	A	\$34.11	1,078.117	D	
Common Shares	08/10/2012		S		750	D	\$44	1,578.117	D	
Common Shares	08/10/2012		M		500	A	\$34.57	828.117	D	
Common Shares	08/10/2012		S		500	D	\$44	328.117	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
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$34.11	01/28/2008		A		750		01/27/2009	01/27/2018	Common Shares	750	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$34.57	01/30/2009		A		1,000		01/29/2010	01/29/2019	Common Shares	1,000	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$33.36	02/01/2010		A		900		01/31/2011	01/31/2020	Common Shares	900	\$0	0	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$34.11	08/10/2012		M			750	01/27/2009	01/27/2018	Common Shares	750	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$34.57	08/10/2012		M			500	01/29/2010	01/29/2019	Common Shares	500	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. RSU's awarded on 1/31/2011
2. DER units credited on 3/1/2011 as dividend at FMV
3. DER units credited on 6/1/2011 as dividend at FMV
4. DER units credited on 9/1/2011 as dividend at FMV
5. DER units credited on 12/1/2011 as dividend at FMV
6. RSU's awarded on 2/15/2012
7. DER units credited on 3/1/2012 as dividend at FMV
8. DER units credited on 6/1/2012 as dividend at FMV
9. 24,7091 shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding of previously granted RSU's

/s/ Jimmy Cheung

08/14/2012

\*\* 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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