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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br>HOLLOWAY ANNE M |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>AMERICAN STATES WATER CO</u> [ AWR ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |                       |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>38 BARRY LANE                    |         | 1        |   | X Director   | 10% Owner             |  |  |  |  |
|   |         | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>05/22/2008                                | Officer (give title<br>below)  | Other (specify below) |  |  |  |  |
|   |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable                      |                       |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>ATHERTON  | CA      | 94027    |   | Line)<br>X Form filed by One R<br>Form filed by More t                     |                       |  |  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State) | (Zip)    |   | Person   |                       |  |  |  |  |

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acq<br>Disposed Of (D) ( |               |                   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                         | v | Amount                                 | (A) or<br>(D) | Price             | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   |   |
| Common                          | 02/08/2008                                 |   | Α                            |   | 95.4869 <sup>(1)</sup>                 | Α             | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 13,250.8965   | D   |   |
| Common                          | 05/12/2008                                 |   | A                            |   | 89.1883 <sup>(2)</sup>                 | Α             | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 13,340.0848   | D   |   |
| Common                          | 05/20/2008                                 |   | Α                            |   | 1,168.5656 <sup>(3)</sup>              | Α             | \$34.23           | 14,508.6504   | D   |   |

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |     | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|---|-------|---|--|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date  | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |  |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. DER units credited on 2/8/08 as dividend at FMV

2. DER units credited on 5/12/08 as dividend at FMV

3. RSU's awarded 5/20/08

#### /s/ Anne M. Holloway

05/22/2008 Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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