FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SPROWLS ROBERT J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN STATES WATER CO [AWR]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 630 E FOOTHILL BLVD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2005							helow)	er (give title ') . Vice Presider		Other (specify below)	
(Street) SAN DIMAS CA 91773 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tab	le I - Non-De	erivativ	e Sec	curitie	s Ad	cquired, D	isposed	of, or Be	eneficia	lly Owne	d			
Date				ransaction e onth/Day/Ye	ear) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea		Code (In	ion Dispos			Benefic Owned	es ially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
								Code	/ Amou	(A) (D)	Price	Transac	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
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/Yea	Code		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable at Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	y G	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Common	\$25.92	01/03/2005		A		3,985		01/03/2006	01/02/201	Common	3,985	\$25.92	3,985		D	
Common	\$25.92	01/03/2005		A		3,985		01/03/2007	01/02/201	Common	3,985	\$25.92	7,970		D	
Common	\$25.92	01/03/2005		A	ĺ	4.105		01/03/2008	01/02/201	Common	4 105	\$25.92	12.075	\neg	D	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Robert J. Sprowls

01/03/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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