## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>King Gary F</u> |   |  |                                   |                                   |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN STATES WATER CO [ AWR ] |  |                                 |  |                               |                       |   |                           |                               | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |   |   |  |  |
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| (Last)<br>1522 THI  | (Fir  | ,  | Middle)                           |                                   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2011  Officer (give title below) |  |  |                                 |  |                               |                       |   | Othe<br>belov             | r (specify<br>v)              |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| (Street) HERMOS BEACH (City)                                | C.F   |  | 00254<br>Zip)                     |                                   | 4. 11   | Line) X Form filed   |  |                                 |  |                               |                       |   |                           |                               | n filed by One  | Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>iled by One Reporting Person<br>iled by More than One Reporting |   |   |  |  |
|   |   | Tabl                                       | e I - N                           | lon-Deriv                         | ative   | Sec  | uritie   | s Ac                            | quire  | ed, Di                        | sposed o              | f, o  | r Ben                     | efici                         | ally (  | Owne  | ed  |   |  |  |
| Da  |   |  | 2. Transact<br>Date<br>(Month/Day |                                   | Execution Date,   |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)  |                                 | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an |                               |                       |   | nd 5) Secu<br>Bene<br>Own |                               | icially<br>d Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)                                       | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership   |   |  |  |
|   |   |  |                                   |                                   |   | Code   | v  | Amount                          |  | (A) or<br>(D)                 | Pric                  |   |                           | rted<br>action(s)<br>3 and 4) |   | (Instr. 4)  |   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock 08/09  |   |  |                                   | 08/09/2                           | 010   | 010  |  |                                 |  |                               | 26.9385               |   | A                         | \$33                          | 33.43 6,1   |   | 41.4106   | D   |  |  |
| Common  | ommon Stock 11/08   |  |                                   |                                   | 010   | )10  |  |                                 | A  |                               | 24.3444               |   | A                         | \$37.28                       |   | 6,  | 165.755   | D   |  |  |
| Common Stock 02/14/2  |   |  |                                   | 011                               | 11  |  |  | A                               |  | 27.3129                       |                       | A   | \$33                      | \$33.46 6,1                   |   | 93.0679   | D   |   |  |  |
| Common  | ommon Stock 05/10/20  |  |                                   |                                   |   | 11   |  | A                               |  | 1,178.8977(1)                 |                       | A   | \$33                      | 3.93                          | 7,371.9656  |   | D   |   |  |  |
|   |   | Та   | ble II                            |                                   |   |  |  |                                 |  |                               | osed of,<br>convertib |   |                           |                               |   | ned   |   |   |  |  |
| 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) | if any                            | emed<br>tion Date,<br>n/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8)  |  | 5. Nu<br>of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) or<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr<br>and 5 | ative<br>rities<br>ired<br>osed | Expira (Mont   | te Exer<br>ation D<br>th/Day/ |                       | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4)  Amount of Numbor of Shares |                           | ount<br>nber                  |   |   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | 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) |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. RSU's awarded on 5/10/2011

/s/ Gary F. King

05/12/2011

\*\* 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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