

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>SCANLON PATRICK RONALD</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>AMERICAN STATES WATER CO [ AWR ]</b>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Vice President</b>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>08/28/2012</b>			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
175 LILAC LANE			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
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**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	08/28/2012		M		124	A	\$33.73	8,265.3193	D	
Common Shares	08/28/2012		M		4,302	A	\$38.62	12,567.3193	D	
Common Shares	08/28/2012		M		2,887	A	\$34.11	15,454.3193	D	
Common Shares	08/28/2012		M		6,200	A	\$34.57	21,654.3193	D	
Common Shares	08/28/2012		M		1,874	A	\$33.36	23,528.3193	D	
Common Shares	08/28/2012		S		15,387	D	\$43.99	8,141.3193	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)	\$33.73	08/28/2012		M		124		01/29/2007	01/29/2016	Common Shares	124	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$38.62	08/28/2012		M		4,302		01/01/2008	01/01/2017	Common Shares	4,302	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$34.11	08/28/2012		M		2,887		01/27/2009	01/27/2018	Common Shares	2,887	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$34.57	08/28/2012		M		6,200		01/29/2010	01/29/2019	Common Shares	6,200	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$33.36	08/28/2012		M		1,874		01/31/2011	01/31/2020	Common Shares	1,874	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Patrick R. Scanlon

08/29/2012

\*\* 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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