FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name an | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN STATES WATER CO [AWR] | | | | | | | | | | all app Direct Office | er (give title | g Perso | 10% C | Owner (specify | | | | | |
|--|---|--|-----|----------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 15786 PISTACHIO STREET | | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2013 | | | | | | | | | | belov | w) Vice Presid | | below) sident | |
| (Street) CHINO HILLS CA 91709 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | i. Indiv ine) X | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | | Exe if a | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | | and 5) Sec Ben Owr | | icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | Shares | 2012 | 012 | | | A | | 42.654 ⁽³ | 3) | A | \$ | 0 | 6,469.403 | | | D | | | | | |
| Common | 2013 | 013 | | | A | | 24.6277 | (1) | A | \$53.71 | | 1 10,411.6504 | | | D | | | | | | |
| Common Shares 03/04/2 | | | | | | | .013 | | | F | | 280.1126 | (2) | D | \$53.71 | | 10,131.5378 | | | D | |
| | | | Та | ble II - | | | | | | | | osed of, onvertib | | | | | wned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | on Date, Transact Code (In 8) | | | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instrant and 5 | ative rities ired osed | 6. Date Expirati (Month/ | on Da Day/Y | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares | | nstr. 3 | | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ov Fo Dir or (I) | vnership rm: rect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. DER units credited on 3/1/2013 as dividend at FMV
- 2. 711 previously reported RSU's of which 280.1126 were withheld to satisfy tax withholding
- 3. Updated DRIP as of 12/31/2012

/s/ James B. Gallagher

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

03/06/2013

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

- * 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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