FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FARROW GLADYS | | | | | | | 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 Officer (give title Other (specify | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---------|--|---|--|------|------------|------------------------------------|------|--|---|---------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 3825 CANFIELD ROAD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/27/2008 | | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title X Other (specify below) Controller | | | | | |
| (Street) PASADI | (Street) PASADENA CA 91107 | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | | (Zip) | n Doris | rotive | | ouriti | οο Λ | 001 | iirod | Die. | | . f o | r Bor | oficial | h. Ownor | 1 | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deriv 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans: Date (Month/L | | | | | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | е, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | | d (A) or | r 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transact (Instr. 3 | ion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3/2008 | | | | | M | | 254 | | A | \$25.9 | 2 2 | 54 | D | | | |
| Common Stock 05/2 | | | | | | 3/2008 | | | | M | | 248 | | A | \$33.7 | 3 5 | 502 | | D | | |
| Common Stock 05/23/ | | | | | | 8 | | | | S | | 254 | | D | \$34.0 | 7 2 | 248 | | D | | |
| Common | ommon Stock 05/23/2 | | | | | 2008 | | | | S | | 248 | | D | \$34.0 | 17 | 0 | | D | | |
| | | ٦ | Гable II - | | | | | | | | | osed of, onverti | | | | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, | 4. Transactior Code (Instr 8) | | n of | | | Date Exe piration I onth/Day | Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) | | l Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e s Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Dat Exe | te ercisable | | Expiration Date | Title | e | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Employee stock option | \$25.55 | 05/23/2008 | | | М | | | 254 | 02/0 | 02/2008 ⁽ | 1) (| 2/02/2015 | | nmon ock | 254 | \$0 | 502 | | D | | |
| Employee stock | \$25.92 | 05/23/2008 | | | М | | | 248 | 01/2 | | 2) | 01/29/2016 | Con | nmon | 248 | \$0 | 254 | | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

option

- $1.\ These\ options\ became\ exercisable\ as\ to\ 254\ of\ the\ 750\ total\ number\ of\ shares\ subject\ to\ the\ option\ on\ 1/2/2008$
- 2. These options became exercisable as to 248 of the 750 total number of shares subject to the option on 1/29/2008

<u>/s/ Gladys Farrow</u>

05/27/2008

** 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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