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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1 I Marile and Address of Reporting Leson			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMERICAN STATES WATER CO</u> [ AWR ]		tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director	son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
(Last) PO BOX 2380	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2012		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)	
(Street) BIG FORK MT 59911	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			r eisun		

## 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)					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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Shares	05/12/2011		A		92.4883(1)	A	\$34.02	20,400.9056	D	
Common Shares	08/11/2011		A		83.8716 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$34.27	20,484.7772	D	
Common Shares	11/10/2011		A		82.8167 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$34.99	20,567.5939	D	
Common Shares	02/14/2012		A		79.4601 <sup>(4)</sup>	A	\$36.76	20,647.054	D	
Common Shares	02/28/2012		A		310.0507 <sup>(5)</sup>	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	20,957.1047	D	
Common Shares	05/14/2012		A		76.7506 <sup>(6)</sup>	A	\$36.87	21,033.8553	D	
Common Shares	05/22/2012		A		1,362.3978 <sup>(7)</sup>	A	\$36.7	22,396.2531	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code (	nsaction de (Instr. Securities		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	7. Title and Amount of Securities		Derivative Security	9. Number of derivative Securities	10. Ownership Form:	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	8)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 5)	Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. DER units credited on 5/12/11 as dividend at  $\mathrm{FMV}$ 

2. DER units credited on 8/11/11 as dividend at FMV

3. DER units credited on 11/10/11 as dividend at FMV

4. DER units credited on 2/14/12 as dividend at FMV

5. Updated Drip

6. DER units credited on 5/14/12 as dividend at FMV

7. RSU's awarded on 5/22/12

/s/ Lloyd E. Ross

05/24/2012

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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