FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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# Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* (Check all applicable) AMERICAN STATES WATER CO [ AWR ] Cotton, III James C Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 01/30/2018 Senior Vice President 11905 TEESIDE DR 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Street) FREDERICKSBURG VA 22407 Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 2. Transaction 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Transaction **Execution Date** Securities Form: Direct of Indirect if any Code (Instr. 8) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Month/Dav/Year) Beneficially Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Following Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Transaction(s) Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Common Shares 06/01/2017 A 10.702(1) Α \$46.75 7,156.6826 D Common Shares 09/01/2017 A 10.819(2) Α \$48.98 7,167.5016 D Common Shares  $9.325^{(3)}$ Α D 12/01/2017 Α \$57 12 7 176 8266 Common Shares 01/02/2018 D 1.6327(4) D \$0.00 7,175,1939 D Common Shares 01/02/2018 1,038.2674 A 1,715.7574 401k A \$0.00 I Common Shares 01/30/2018 Α 623 Α \$0.00 7,798,1939 D Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 6. Date Exercisable and 1. Title of 3. Transaction 5. Number 7. Title and 9. Number of 11. Nature 3A. Deemed Conversion Derivative **Execution Date** Transaction Ownership of Indirect **Expiration Date** Amount of Derivative derivative Security (Instr. 3) if any (Month/Day/Year) Security (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Exercise (Month/Day/Year Code (Instr. Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Securities Beneficial Price of Securities Underlying Beneficially Ownership or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Derivative Acquired Derivative Owned (Instr. 4) Security (A) or Disposed Security (Instr. 3 Following and 4) Reported Transaction(s) of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 4) and 5) Amount Number

Date

Expiration

Title

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. DER units credited on 06/01/2017 as dividend at FMV
- 2. DER units credited on 09/01/2017 as dividend at FMV
- 3 DER Units credited on 12/01/2017 as dividend at EMV
- 4. Adjustment due to partial share

## Remarks:

/s/ James C Cotton III 02/01/2018

\*\* 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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