

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**3825 CANFIELD ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/27/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Controller**

**PASADENA, CA 91107**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	05/23/2008		M		254	A	\$ 25.92 254 D
Common Stock	05/23/2008		M		248	A	\$ 33.73 502 D
Common Stock	05/23/2008		S		254	D	\$ 34.07 248 D
Common Stock	05/23/2008		S		248	D	\$ 34.07 0 D

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option	\$ 25.55	05/23/2008		M	254	02/02/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/02/2015	Common stock	254
Employee stock option	\$ 25.92	05/23/2008		M	248	01/29/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/29/2016	Common stock	248

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARROW GLADYS 3825 CANFIELD ROAD PASADENA, CA 91107				Controller

## Signatures

/s/ Gladys Farrow 05/27/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (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

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