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TANG EVA G Syn			Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ymbol MERICAN STATES WATER CO				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
[.								(Check an applicable)			
(Month/E 1544 MANOR GATE DRIVE (Street) 4. If Ame Filed(Mon			(Month/E	Date of Earliest Transaction Ionth/Day/Year) 2/08/2012				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Sr. Vice President & CFO			
			endment, Date Original nth/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 				
HACIEND. HEIGHTS,	A CA 91745-383.	3						Person		porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	ecurity (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if			3. 4. Securities Acquired Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common shares	02/08/2012			Code V M	Amount 3,075	or (D) A	Price \$ 25.55	(Instr. 3 and 4) 10,406.0784	D		
Common shares	02/08/2012			S	3,075	D	\$ 37.5	7,331.0784	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.55	02/08/2012		М	3,075	02/01/2005 <u>(1)</u>	02/01/2014	Common shares	3,075

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
TANG EVA G			Sr. Vice				
1544 MANOR GATE DRIVE			President &				
HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745-3833			CFO				

Signatures

Eva G Tang 02/09/2012

<u>**</u>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) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 2/1/2005, 33% on 2/1/2006 and 34% on 2/1/2007.

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