

GALLAGHER JAMES B  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
GALLAGHER JAMES B

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)  
15786 PISTACHIO STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/14/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

CHINO HILLS, CA 91709

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

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 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares	08/14/2012		M	V	4,320	\$ 33.73	14,211.0432 D
Common Shares	08/14/2012		M	V	4,302	\$ 38.62	18,513.0432 D
Common Shares	08/14/2012		M	V	2,887	\$ 34.11	21,400.0432 D
Common Shares	08/14/2012		M	V	6,200	\$ 34.57	27,600.0432 D
Common Shares	08/14/2012		M	V	1,874	\$ 33.36	29,474.0432 D

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Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	100	D	\$ 44.3	29,374.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	200	D	\$ 44.33	29,174.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	100	D	\$ 44.34	29,074.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	300	D	\$ 44.36	28,774.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	300	D	\$ 44.37	28,474.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	300	D	\$ 44.38	28,174.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	200	D	\$ 44.39	27,974.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	300	D	\$ 44.4	27,674.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	100	D	\$ 44.41	27,574.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	200	D	\$ 44.42	27,374.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	300	D	\$ 44.43	27,074.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	649	D	\$ 44.44	26,425.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	721	D	\$ 44.45	25,704.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	600	D	\$ 44.46	25,104.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	1,000	D	\$ 44.47	24,104.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	1,704	D	\$ 44.48	22,400.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	400	D	\$ 44.49	22,000.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	1,500	D	\$ 44.5	20,500.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	1,900	D	\$ 44.51	18,600.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	200	D	\$ 44.52	18,400.0432	D
	08/14/2012	S	500	D		17,900.0432	D

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Common Shares					\$ 44.53		
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	500	D	\$ 44.54	17,400.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	500	D	\$ 44.55	16,900.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	700	D	\$ 44.56	16,200.0432	D
Common Shares	08/14/2012	S	600	D	\$ 44.57	15,600.0432	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 (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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.73	08/14/2012		M	4,320	01/29/2007 01/29/2016		Common Shares	4,320
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.62	08/14/2012		M	4,302	01/01/2008 01/01/2017		Common Shares	4,302
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.11	08/14/2012		M	2,887	01/27/2009 01/27/2018		Common Shares	2,887

Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.57	08/14/2012	M	6,200	01/29/2010	01/29/2019	Common Shares	6,200
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.36	08/14/2012	M	1,874	01/31/2011	01/31/2020	Common Shares	1,874

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALLAGHER JAMES B 15786 PISTACHIO STREET CHINO HILLS, CA 91709			Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ James B.  
Gallagher

08/16/2012

\*\*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).

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