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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres <u>TANNER RC</u>	1 0	on*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMERICAN STATES WATER CO</u> [AWR]		tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director	10% Owner	
(Last) 630 E FOOTHIL	(First) LL BLVD	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2009	X	Officer (give title below) VICE PRESID	Other (specify below) DENT	
(Street) SAN DIMAS (City)	CA (State)	91773 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More than Person	orting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Table 1 Hon Derivative debandes Abquired, Disposed of, or Derivitiany officer													
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	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 Stock	03/02/2009		A		15.4199(1)	A	\$33.93	3,432.8261	D				
Common Stock	06/01/2009		A		16.6316 ⁽²⁾	A	\$31.69	3,449.4577	D				
Common Stock	09/01/2009		A		16.2004 ⁽³⁾	A	\$32.79	3,465.6581	D				
Common Stock	12/01/2009		A		16.5923(4)	A	\$33.55	3,482.2504	D				
Common Stock	12/03/2009		М		500	A	\$20.83	3,982.2504	D				
Common Stock	12/03/2009		S		500	D	\$33.46	3,482.2504	D				

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. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye	e	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$20.83	12/03/2009		М			500	04/30/2001 ⁽⁵⁾	04/30/2010	Common Stock	500	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. DER units credited on 3/2/2009 as dividend at FMV

2. DER units credited on 6/1/2009 as dividend at FMV

3. DER units credited on 9/1/2009 as dividend at FMV

4. DER units credited on 12/1/2009 as dividend at FMV

5. This option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 04/30/01, 33% on 4/30/02, and 34% on 4/30/03.

12/04/2009

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

/s/ Roland S. Tanner

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).

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