

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)  
**08/10/2012**

\_\_\_\_ 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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Shares	06/01/2012		A		32.1037 (1) \$ 36.61	D	
Common Shares	08/10/2012		M		9,075 \$ 25.55	D	
Common Shares	08/10/2012		M		9,075 \$ 25.92	D	
Common Shares	08/10/2012		S		100 \$ 43.16	D	
Common Shares	08/10/2012		S		100 \$ 43.22	D	

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Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.24	27,741.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.36	27,641.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.37	27,541.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.41	27,441.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.45	27,341.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.46	27,241.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.47	27,141.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.48	27,041.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	90	D	\$ 43.49	26,951.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	200	D	\$ 43.5	26,751.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	300	D	\$ 43.51	26,451.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	200	D	\$ 43.52	26,251.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	210	D	\$ 43.53	26,041.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	300	D	\$ 43.55	25,741.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.56	25,641.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	200	D	\$ 43.58	25,441.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	200	D	\$ 43.59	25,241.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	500	D	\$ 43.6	24,741.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.61	24,641.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.62	24,541.0432	D
	08/10/2012	S	500	D		24,041.0432	D

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Common Shares					\$ 43.63		
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	300	D	\$ 43.64	23,741.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	700	D	\$ 43.65	23,041.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	697	D	\$ 43.66	22,344.0432	D
Common Shares	08/10/2012	S	203	D	\$ 43.67	22,141.0432	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	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.55	08/10/2012		M	9,075	02/01/2005 02/01/2014	Common Shares	9,075	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.92	08/10/2012		M	9,075	01/02/2006 01/02/2015	Common Shares	9,075	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

GALLAGHER JAMES B  
15786 PISTACHIO STREET  
CHINO HILLS, CA 91709

Vice President

## Signatures

/s/ James B.  
Gallagher

08/14/2012

\_\_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).

(1) DER units credited on 6/1/2012 as dividend at FMV

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