

TANNER ROLAND S  
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 \*  
TANNER ROLAND S

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)  
630 E FOOTHILL BLVD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/04/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VICE PRESIDENT

SAN DIMAS, CA 91773

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 15.4199<br>(1)<br>\$ 33.93  | A  | 3,432.8261 D                      |
| Common Stock                    | 06/01/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 16.6316<br>(2)<br>\$ 31.69  | A  | 3,449.4577 D                      |
| Common Stock                    | 09/01/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 16.2004<br>(3)<br>\$ 32.79  | A  | 3,465.6581 D                      |
| Common Stock                    | 12/01/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 16.5923<br>(4)<br>\$ 33.55  | A  | 3,482.2504 D                      |
| Common Stock                    | 12/03/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 500<br>\$ 20.83   | A  | 3,982.2504 D                      |

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Common Stock      12/03/2009      S      500      D      \$ 33.46      3,482.2504      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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 20.83   | 12/03/2009                           |  | M                              | 500   | 04/30/2001 <sup>(5)</sup> 04/30/2010                     | Common Stock 500  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| TANNER ROLAND S<br>630 E FOOTHILL BLVD<br>SAN DIMAS, CA 91773 |               |           | VICE PRESIDENT |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Roland S. Tanner      12/04/2009

\*\*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 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.

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