#### WILLIAMS SONOMA INC

Form 4 March 31, 2006

### FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ALBER LAURA |          |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                  |  |  |
|---|----------|----------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last)  | (First)  | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction  | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |
|   |          |          | (Month/Day/Year)   | Director 10% Owner  |  |  |
| 3250 VAN NESS AVENUE                                  |          |          | 03/29/2006   | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) PRESIDENT PB BRANDS |  |  |
|   | (Street) |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check                         |  |  |
|   |          |          | Filed(Month/Day/Year)  | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person           |  |  |
| SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109                               |          |          |  | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                      |  |  |

#### (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Code Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 03/29/2006 M 6,000 A \$ 16.25 8,000 D Stock Common \$ 42.5 03/29/2006 S 6,000 D 2,000 D Stock Common D 03/29/2006 M 13,400 15,400 9.4688 Stock Common S \$ 42.5 03/29/2006 13,400 D 2,000 D Stock Common 03/29/2006 M 2,200 4,200 D Stock

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| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 2,200  | D | \$ 42.54     | 2,000  | D |                          |
|-----------------|------------|---|--------|---|--------------|--------|---|--------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | M | 5,400  | A | \$<br>8.9375 | 7,400  | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 5,400  | D | \$ 42.54     | 2,000  | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | M | 11,900 | A | \$<br>8.9375 | 13,900 | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 11,900 | D | \$ 42.55     | 2,000  | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | M | 12,700 | A | \$<br>8.9375 | 14,700 | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 12,700 | D | \$ 42.56     | 2,000  | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | M | 16,500 | A | \$ 13.85     | 18,500 | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 16,500 | D | \$ 42.56     | 2,000  | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | M | 6,600  | A | \$ 13.85     | 8,600  | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 6,600  | D | \$ 42.57     | 2,000  | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | M | 300    | A | \$ 13.85     | 2,300  | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 300    | D | \$ 42.67     | 2,000  | D |                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 03/29/2006 | J | 160    | A | \$ 42.5      | 6,301  | I | by<br>Managed<br>Account |

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 | 2. 3. Tr        | ansaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5. Number of   | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amou |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Derivative  | Conversion (Mor | nth/Day/Year)  | Execution Date, if | Transactio | orDerivative   | Expiration Date         | Underlying Secur  |
| Security    | or Exercise     |                | any                | Code       | Securities     | (Month/Day/Year)        | (Instr. 3 and 4)  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of        |                | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)   |                         |                   |
|             | Derivative      |                |                    |            | or Disposed of |                         |                   |

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|   | Security  |            |        | (D)<br>(Instrand 5 | :. 3, 4,<br>5) |                     |                    |                 |                        |
|---|-----------|------------|--------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
|   |           |            | Code V | (A)                | (D)            | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Am<br>or<br>Nu<br>of S |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 8.9375 | 03/29/2006 | M      |                    | 5,400          | 11/29/2001          | 11/29/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 5,                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 8.9375 | 03/29/2006 | M      |                    | 11,900         | 11/29/2001          | 11/29/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 11                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 8.9375 | 03/29/2006 | M      |                    | 12,700         | 11/29/2001          | 11/29/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 12                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 9.4688 | 03/29/2006 | M      |                    | 13,400         | 03/07/2001          | 03/07/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 13                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 9.4688 | 03/29/2006 | M      |                    | 2,200          | 03/07/2001          | 03/07/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 2,                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 13.85  | 03/29/2006 | M      |                    | 16,500         | 03/19/2002          | 03/19/2011         | Common<br>Stock | 16                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 13.85  | 03/29/2006 | M      |                    | 6,600          | 03/19/2002          | 03/19/2011         | Common<br>Stock | 6,                     |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 13.85  | 03/29/2006 | M      |                    | 300            | 03/19/2002          | 03/19/2011         | Common<br>Stock | 3                      |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 16.25  | 03/29/2006 | M      |                    | 6,000          | 07/06/2000          | 07/06/2009         | Common<br>Stock | 6,                     |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |                     |       |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|--|--|
| <b>F</b>                       | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |  |  |
| ALBER LAURA                    |               |           |                     |       |  |  |
| 3250 VAN NESS AVENUE           |               |           | PRESIDENT PB BRANDS |       |  |  |
| SAN FRANCISCO CA 94109         |               |           |                     |       |  |  |

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Date

## **Signatures**

| By: Nicolas de Porcel, Attorney-in-Fact For: Laura J. | 03/31/2006 |
|---|------------|
| Alber   | 03/31/2000 |

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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).

The reporting person owns \$267,808 in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. Associate Stock Incentive Plan (ASIP), a 401(k) plan, based on a statement dated March 29, 2006. The number of shares indirectly owned and noted on Table I was calculated by dividing the amount owned in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund by \$42.50, the closing price of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. common stock on March 29, 2006.

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