

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GALLAGHER JAMES B

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
15219 GREEN VALLEY DRIVE
 (Street)
CHINO HILLS, CA 91709
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERICAN STATES WATER CO [AWR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/16/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/16/2006		M	9,075 A \$ 23.15	11,279.696	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	600 D \$ 40.05	10,679.696	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	800 D \$ 40.04	9,879.696	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	200 D \$ 40.03	9,679.696	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S	100 D \$ 40.02	9,579.696	D	

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Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 40.01	8,079.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	2,200	D	\$ 40	5,879.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	900	D	\$ 39.99	4,979.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	300	D	\$ 39.98	4,679.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.97	4,579.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	700	D	\$ 39.96	3,879.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	200	D	\$ 39.94	3,679.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	1,475	D	\$ 39.75	2,204.696 ⁽¹⁾	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.15	05/16/2006		M	9,075	⁽²⁾ 12/31/2012	Common Stock	9,075

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALLAGHER JAMES B 15219 GREEN VALLEY DRIVE CHINO HILLS, CA 91709			Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ James B.
Gallagher

05/17/2006

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) Filing 3 of 3
- (2) The Option became exercisable as to 2,995 of the 9,075 total number of shares subject to the option on December 31, 2003, an additional 2,995 shares on December 31, 2004 and an additional 3,085 on December 31, 2005.

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