

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO
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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 *
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 Price (D)		
Common Stock	05/16/2006		M		6,000 A \$ 20.83		8,204.696 D
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		200 D \$ 40.02		8,004.696 D
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		600 D \$ 40		7,404.696 D
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		200 D \$ 39.99		7,204.696 D
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		800 D \$ 39.98		6,404.696 D

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Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	1,600	D	\$ 39.97	4,804.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	600	D	\$ 39.96	4,204.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	600	D	\$ 39.95	3,604.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.94	3,504.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	300	D	\$ 39.92	3,204.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.91	3,104.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.9	3,004.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.88	2,904.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	700	D	\$ 39.85	2,204.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	M	6,000	A	\$ 23.21	8,204.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	200	D	\$ 39.82	8,004.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 39.81	6,804.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	475	D	\$ 39.8	6,329.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.79	6,229.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	300	D	\$ 39.77	5,929.696	D
Common Stock	05/16/2006	S	3,725	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)

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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	05/16/2006		M	6,000	(2) 04/30/2010	Common Stock 6,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.21	05/16/2006		M	6,000	(3) 01/01/2011	Common Stock 6,000

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 1 of 3
- (2) The Option became exercisable as to 1,980 of the 6,000 total number of shares subject to the option on April 30, 2001, an additional 1,980 shares on April 30, 2002 and an additional 2,040 on April 30, 2003.
- (3) The Option became exercisable as to 1,980 of the 6,000 total number of shares subject to the option on January 1, 2002, an additional 1,980 shares on January 1, 2003 and an additional 2,040 on January 1, 2004.

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