

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
THOMAS GREGORY S

 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Vice President

44593 CAMINO GONZALES
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
01/28/2009

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

TEMECULA, CA 92592
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	06/01/2008	Â	A	(1)	\$ 4,3556 33.75	D	Â
Common Stock	09/01/2008	Â	A	(2)	\$ 3,7481 39.51	D	Â
Common Stock	12/01/2008	Â	A	(3)	\$ 4,6746 31.88	D	Â

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Other
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMAS GREGORY S 44593 CAMINO GONZALES TEMECULA, CA 92592	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

/s/ Gregory S. Thomas
01/28/2009

__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 06/01/2008 as dividends at FMV
- (2) DER units credited on 09/01/2008 as dividends at FMV
- (3) DER units credited on 12/01/2008 as dividends at FMV

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