

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**CHANG SHENGDER DAVID**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 22872 CAMINITO ORO  
 (Street)  
 LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/13/2008

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)  
 VP ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 (D) Price		
common shares	03/01/2008		A		7.7941 (1) \$ 32.55	A	1,029.5864 D
common shares	06/01/2008		A		7.5747 (2) \$ 33.75	A	1,037.1611 D
common shares	09/01/2008		A		6.5184 (3) \$ 39.51	A	1,043.6795 D
common shares	11/07/2008		F		16 (4) \$ 33.83	D	1,027.6795 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHANG SHENGDER DAVID 22872 CAMINITO ORO LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653			VP ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	

## Signatures

/s/ Shengder D.  
Chang

11/13/2008

\*\*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 3/1/2008 as dividend at FMV
- (2) DER units credited on 6/1/2008 as dividend at FMV
- (3) DER units credited on 9/1/2008 as dividend at FMV
- (4) 44 previously reported RSU's vested on 11/7/08; of which 16 were withheld to satisfy tax withholding

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