

Rentfrow Diane D  
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 \*  
Rentfrow Diane D

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
5550 VIA VALLARTA  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/13/2012

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

YORBA LINDA, CA 92887

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Price		
Common Shares	06/01/2012		A		32.1067 (1) \$ 36.61	D	
Common Shares	08/13/2012		M		750 \$ 38.62	D	
Common Shares	08/13/2012		M		1,776 \$ 38.85	D	
Common Shares	08/13/2012		M		1,874 \$ 33.36	D	
Common Shares	08/13/2012		S		4,400 \$ 44	D	

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.62	08/13/2012		M	750	01/01/2008 01/01/2017	Common Shares	750
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.85	08/13/2012		M	1,776	08/05/2008 08/05/2017	Common Shares	1,776
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.36	08/13/2012		M	1,874	01/31/2011 01/31/2020	Common Shares	1,874

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rentfrow Diane D 5550 VIA VALLARTA YORBA LINDA, CA 92887			Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Diane D.  
Rentfrow

08/15/2012

\_\_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 6/1/2012 as dividend at FMV

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