

GALLAGHER JAMES B  
 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 \*  
**GALLAGHER JAMES B**

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)  
**15786 PISTACHIO STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/17/2011**

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

**CHINO HILLS, CA 91709**

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Shares	03/01/2011		A		29.2722 (1)	A	\$ 33.1 8,154.6857 D
Common Shares	06/01/2011		A		30.7585 (2)	A	\$ 34.19 8,185.4442 D
Common Shares	09/01/2011		A		30.2669 (3)	A	\$ 35.03 8,215.7111 D
Common Shares	11/17/2011		A		203.0351 (5)	A	\$ 0 9,865.7111 D
Common Shares	11/17/2011		M		1,650	A	\$ 23.43 8,215.7111 D

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Common Shares 11/17/2011 S 1,650 D \$ 35.87 8,418.7462 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.43	11/17/2011		M	1,650	02/03/2003 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/03/2012	Common Shares	1,650

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALLAGHER JAMES B 15786 PISTACHIO STREET CHINO HILLS, CA 91709			Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ James B. Gallagher 11/18/2011

\*\*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).

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- (1) DER units credited on 3/1/2011 as dividend at FMV
- (2) DER units credited on 6/1/2011 as dividend at FMV
- (3) DER units credited on 9/1/2011 as dividend at FMV
- (4) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 2/3/2003, 33% on 2/3/2004 and 34% on 2/3/2005
- (5) Updated DRiP Plan

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