#### **GALLAGHER JAMES B**

Form 5

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# FORM 5 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer GALLAGHER JAMES B Symbol AMERICAN STATES WATER CO (Check all applicable) [AWR] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) Director 10% Owner \_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2008 Vice President 15786 PISTACHIO STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line)

#### CHINO HILLS, CAÂ 91709

\_X\_Form Filed by One Reporting Person \_\_Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-De	rivative Sec	urities	Acquire	d, Disposed of, o	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. Securitie or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (E and 5) (A) or	<b>)</b> )	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	03/01/2008	Â	A	Amount 13.3859 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 32.55	3,697.0416	D	Â
Common Shares	06/01/2008	Â	A	13.0091 (2)	A	\$ 33.75	3,710.0507	D	Â
Common Shares	09/01/2008	Â	A	11.1949 (3)	A	\$ 39.51	3,721.2456	D	Â
Common Shares	12/01/2008	Â	A	13.962 (4)	A	\$ 31.88	3,735.2076	D	Â
	12/31/2008	Â	A	0 (5)	A	\$0	2,802.8953	I	401(k)

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Common Shares

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						
					(A) or						
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date	I itie	Number		
									of		
					(A) (D)				Shares		

### **Reporting Owners**

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

/s/ James B.
Gallagher

\*\*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 3/01/08 as dividend at FMV
- (2) DER units credited on 6/01/08 as dividend at FMV
- (3) DER units credited on 9/01/08 as dividend at FMV
- (4) DER units credited on 12/01/08 as dividend at FMV
- (5) Updated 401K employer contributions of Company Stock

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