TANNER ROLAND S

Form 4

December 04, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 * **TANNER ROLAND S**	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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2009	_____ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) VICE PRESIDENT
630 E FOOTHILL BLVD (Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
SAN DIMAS, CA 91773		
(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 Stock	03/02/2009		A		15.4199 (1)	A	$ 33.93	3,432.8261	D	
Common Stock	06/01/2009		A		16.6316 (2)	A	$ 31.69	3,449.4577	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2009		A		16.2004 (3)	A	$ 32.79	3,465.6581	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2009		A		16.5923 (4)	A	$ 33.55	3,482.2504	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2009		M		500	A	$ 20.83	3,982.2504	D	

| Common Stock | 12/03/2009 | | S | 500 | D | $ 33.46 | 3,482.2504 | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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)	
									Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 20.83	12/03/2009		M			500		04/30/2001[5]	04/30/2010	Common Stock	500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TANNER ROLAND S 630 E FOOTHILL BLVD SAN DIMAS, CA 91773			VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

/s/ Roland S. Tanner	12/04/2009
**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 3/2/2009 as dividend at FMV

(2)   DER units credited on 6/1/2009 as dividend at FMV

(3)   DER units credited on 9/1/2009 as dividend at FMV

(4)   DER units credited on 12/1/2009 as dividend at FMV

(5)   This option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 04/30/01, 33% on 4/30/02, and 34% on 4/30/03.

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