

SCANLON PATRICK RONALD  
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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 \*  
SCANLON PATRICK RONALD

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)  
175 LILAC LANE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/20/2010

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

BREA, CA 92823

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 Stock                    | 06/01/2010                           |  | A                              |   | 21.5054<br>(1)<br>\$ 33.93  | A  | 4,961.8177 D                      |
| Common Stock                    | 09/01/2010                           |  | A                              |   | 21.4427<br>(2)<br>\$ 34.29  | A  | 4,983.2604 D                      |
| Common Stock                    | 10/20/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 750<br>\$ 23.43   | A  | 5,733.2604 D                      |
| Common Stock                    | 10/20/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 750<br>\$ 37.84   | D  | 4,983.2604 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 Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 23.43   | 10/20/2010                           |  | M                              | 750   | 02/04/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/03/2012                     | Common Stock  | 750                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| SCANLON PATRICK RONALD<br>175 LILAC LANE<br>BREA, CA 92823 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Patrick R. Scanlon  
10/25/2010  
\*\*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 6/1/2010 as dividend at FMV
- (2) DER units credited on 9/1/2010 as dividend at FMV
- (3) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 2/4/2002, 33% on 2/4/2003 and 34% on 2/4/2004.

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