

CHANG SHENGDER DAVID  
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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 \*  
CHANG SHENGDER DAVID

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)  
22872 CAMINITO ORO  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/30/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 or (D) Price		
Common Shares	06/01/2012		A		32.1037 (1) \$ 36.61	D	
Common Shares	08/30/2012		M		750 \$ 25.55	D	
Common Shares	08/30/2012		M		750 \$ 25.92	D	
Common Shares	08/30/2012		M		750 \$ 33.73	D	
Common Shares	08/30/2012		M		4,163 \$ 34.11	D	

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Common Shares	08/30/2012	M	6,200	A	\$ 34.57	19,287.4476	D
Common Shares	08/30/2012	S	12,613	D	\$ 43.5	6,674.4476	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
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.55	08/30/2012		M	750	02/01/2005 02/01/2014	Common Shares	750
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.92	08/30/2012		M	750	01/02/2006 01/02/2015	Common Shares	750
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.73	08/30/2012		M	750	01/29/2007 01/29/2016	Common Shares	750
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.11	08/30/2012		M	4,163	01/27/2009 01/27/2018	Common Shares	4,163
	\$ 34.57	08/30/2012		M	6,200	01/29/2010 01/29/2019		6,200

Employee  
 Stock  
 Options  
 (Right to  
 Buy)

Common  
 Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHANG SHENGDER DAVID 22872 CAMINITO ORO LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653			VP ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	

## Signatures

/s/ Shengder D.  
 Chang

08/31/2012

\*\*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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