

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
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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 \*  
**HARRIS MCCLELLAN III**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3419 VIA LIDO DRIVE PMB#334  
 (Street)  
 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
 [AWR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/05/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	08/31/2007		M		12,075	A	\$ 35.15
Common Stock	08/31/2007		S		800	D	\$ 39.3
Common Stock	08/31/2007		S		259	D	\$ 39.25
Common Stock	08/31/2007		S		100	D	\$ 39.23
Common Stock	08/31/2007		S		100	D	\$ 39.22

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Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	100	D	\$ 39.17	14,117.4953	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	100	D	\$ 39.13	14,017.4953	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	100	D	\$ 39.09	13,917.4953	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	1,600	D	\$ 39.08	12,317.4953	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	100	D	\$ 39.07	12,217.4953	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	600	D	\$ 39.06	11,617.4953	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	2,600	D	\$ 39.05	9,017.4953	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	100	D	\$ 39.03	8,917.4953	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	1,900	D	\$ 39.02	7,017.4953	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	1,000	D	\$ 39.01	6,017.4953	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	2,616	D	\$ 39	3,401.4953	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock	\$ 35.15	08/31/2007		M	12,075	02/03/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/03/2012	Common Stock	12,075

option  
(right to  
buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARRIS MCCLELLAN III 3419 VIA LIDO DRIVE PMB#334 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663			Sr. Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ McClellan  
Harris III

09/05/2007

\_\_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) 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

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