

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 SWITZER BRYAN K

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)  
 630 E FOOTHILL BLVD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/29/2007

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

SAN DIMAS, CA 91773  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/27/2007		M		500	A	\$ 23.21
Common Stock	11/27/2007		S		500	D	\$ 42.82
Common Stock	11/27/2007		M		750	A	\$ 23.43
Common Stock	11/27/2007		S		750	D	\$ 42.82
Common Stock	11/27/2007		M		750	A	\$ 23.15

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Common Stock	11/27/2007	S	750	D	\$ 42.82	1,827.9814	D
Common Stock	11/27/2007	M	750	A	\$ 25.55	2,577.9814	D
Common Stock	11/27/2007	S	750	D	\$ 42.82	1,827.9814	D
Common Stock	11/27/2007	M	5,990	A	\$ 25.92	7,817.9814	D
Common Stock	11/27/2007	S	5,990	D	\$ 42.82	1,827.9814	D
Common Stock	11/27/2007	M	1,426	A	\$ 33.73	3,253.9814	D
Common Stock	11/27/2007	S	1,426	D	\$ 42.82	1,827.9814	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 option (right to buy)	\$ 23.31	11/27/2007		M	500	01/01/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/01/2011	Common stock	500
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 23.43	11/27/2007		M	750	02/03/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/03/2012	Common stock	750

Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 23.15	11/27/2007	M	750	01/01/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/31/2012	Common Stock	750
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 25.55	11/27/2007	M	750	02/02/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/01/2014	Common stock	750
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 25.92	11/27/2007	M	5,990	01/02/2006 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/02/2015	Common stock	5,990
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 33.73	11/27/2007	M	1,426	01/29/2007 <sup>(6)</sup>	01/29/2016	Common stock	1,426

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SWITZER BRYAN K 630 E FOOTHILL BLVD SAN DIMAS, CA 91773			Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan K.  
Switzer

11/29/2007

\*\*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) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 01/01/02, 33% on 01/01/03 and 34% on 01/01/04
- (2) The 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
- (3) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 1/1/2004 33% on 1/1/2005 and 34% on 1/1/2006
- (4) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 2/2/2005, 33% on 2/2/2006 and 34% on 2/2/2007

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- (5) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option 1/2/2006, 33% on 1/2/2007 and 34% on 1/2/2008
- (6) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option 1/29/2007, 33% on 1/29/2008 and 34% on 1/29/2009

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