GALLAGHER JAMES B

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GALLAGHER JAMES B | | | 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) 15786 PISTAC | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/10/2012 | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President | | |
| | (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 | | |
| CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secui | rities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly 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) | Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 43.99 | 11,910.0432 | D | |
| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | | S | 300 | D | \$ 44 | 11,610.0432 | D | |
| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | | S | 318 | D | \$ 44.01 | 11,292.0432 | D | |
| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | | S | 400 | D | \$ 44.02 | 10,892.0432 | D | |
| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | | S | 200 | D | \$ 44.03 | 10,692.0432 | D | |

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| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | S | 79 | D | \$ 44.04 | 10,613.0432 | D |
|------------------|------------|---|-----|---|-------------|-------------|---|
| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | S | 300 | D | \$ 44.05 | 10,313.0432 | D |
| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | S | 103 | D | \$ 44.06 | 10,210.0432 | D |
| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | S | 100 | D | \$ 44.07 | 10,110.0432 | D |
| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | S | 19 | D | \$ 44.08 | 10,091.0432 | D |
| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | S | 100 | D | \$ 44.09 | 9,991.0432 | D |
| Common Shares | 08/10/2012 | S | 100 | D | \$ 44.1 | 9,891.0432 | 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | /. Tit. | le and | 8. Price of | |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|--|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transa | ctio | Number | Expiration Da | ate | Amou | ınt of | Derivative | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | rlying | Security | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 | 8) | Derivative | | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) | |
| | Derivative | | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | . 3 and 4) | | |
| | Security | | | | | Acquired | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | Date | Expiration | m: a | or | | |
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| | | | | G 1 | * 7 | (A) (D) | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Troporting O What I tume / I tume obs | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| GALLAGHER JAMES B | | | | | | | | |
| 15786 PISTACHIO STREET | | | Vice President | | | | | |
| CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 | | | | | | | | |

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Signatures

/s/ James B. 08/14/2012 Gallagher

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

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