

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ANDERSON JAMES L

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/02/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

2438 BATTERING ROCK ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

TEMPLETON, CA 93465

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Amount Price			
Common Stock	08/12/2008	Â	A	(1) 66.4089 A \$ 40.62	12,877.9511	D	Â
Common Stock	11/12/2008	Â	A	(2) 83.938 A \$ 32.28	12,961.8891	D	Â
Common Stock	12/31/2008	Â	A	(3) 224.16 A \$ 0	13,186.0491	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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