AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WICKS FLOYD E			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) 1647 POSILIP	` , , ` `	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2006	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO and 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		
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/15/2006		Code V M	Amount 4,500	(D)	Price \$ 23.43	(Instr. 3 and 4) 6,458.549	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2006		M	26,650	A	\$ 23.15	33,108.549	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2006		S	100	D	\$ 36.59	33,008.549	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2006		S	200	D	\$ 36.6	32,808.549	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2006		S	300	D	\$ 36.61	32,508.549	D	

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Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	200	D	\$ 36.63	32,308.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	300	D	\$ 36.65	32,008.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	300	D	\$ 36.66	31,708.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	100	D	\$ 36.67	31,608.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	500	D	\$ 36.68	31,108.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	1,400	D	\$ 36.69	29,708.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	P	500	D	\$ 36.7	29,208.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	700	D	\$ 36.71	28,508.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	600	D	\$ 36.72	27,908.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	2,500	D	\$ 36.73	25,408.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	200	D	\$ 36.74	25,208.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 36.75	24,208.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 36.76	23,008.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	1,400	D	\$ 36.77	21,608.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	1,600	D	\$ 36.78	20,008.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	3,050	D	\$ 36.79	16,958.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	6,000	D	\$ 36.8	10,958.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	100	D	\$ 36.81	10,858.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	300	D	\$ 36.82	10,558.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	300	D	\$ 36.83	10,258.549	D
	08/15/2006	S	100	D		10,158.549	D

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Common Stock					\$ 36.84		
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	200	D	\$ 36.85	9,958.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	300	D	\$ 36.86	9,658.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	300	D	\$ 36.87	9,358.549	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S	500	D	\$ 36.88	8,858.549 (3)	D

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day.	ate	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to acquire)	\$ 23.43	08/15/2006		M	4,500	<u>(1)</u>	02/03/2012	Common Stock	4,500
Employee Stock Option (right to acquire)	\$ 23.15	08/15/2006		M	26,650	(2)	12/31/2012	Common Stock	26,650

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

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WICKS FLOYD E 1647 POSILIPO LANE APT. E SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108

CEO and President

Signatures

/s/ Floyd E.
Wicks

08/16/2006

**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).
- The Option became exercisable as to 7,425 of the 22,500 total number of shares subject to the option on February 3, 2003, an additional 7,425 on February 3, 2004 and an additional 7,650 on February 3, 2005.
- (2) The Option became exercisable as to 8,795 of the 26,650 total number of shares subject to the option on December 31, 2003, an additional 8,795 on December 31, 2004 and an additional 9,060 on December 31, 2005.
- (3) Filing 1 of 2

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