AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

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SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CONWAY SUSAN 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) 5271 PASAT	(First) IEMPO DRI	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/25/2006	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. Vice President	
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
YORBA LINDA, CA 92686				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securi or(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and	d of (D)	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 Stock	05/25/2006		M	6,000	A	\$ 20.83	7,135	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2006		S	1,000	D	\$ 37.8	6,135	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2006		S	1,000	D	\$ 37.6	5,135	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2006		S	1,000	D	\$ 37.55	4,135	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2006		S	1,000	D	\$ 37.796	3,135	D	

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Common Stock	05/25/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 37.794	2,135	D
Common Stock	05/25/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 37.665	1,135	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	tive Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.83	05/25/2006		M	6,000	<u>(1)</u>	04/30/2010	Common Stock	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
F	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CONWAY SUSAN L							
5271 PASATIEMPO DRIVE			Sr. Vice President				
YORBA LINDA, CA 92686							

Signatures

/s/ Susan L.

Conway 05/26/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 1,980 of the total number of shares subject to the option on April 30, 2001, an additional 1,980 shares on April 30, 2002 and an additional 2,040 on April 30, 2003.

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