### GEORGE MICHAEL P

Form 5

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### FORM 5

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Form 4

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

09/01/2008

12/01/2008

12/31/2008

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer GEORGE MICHAEL P Symbol AMERICAN STATES WATER CO (Check all applicable) [AWR] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X \_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 01/29/2009 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT PO BOX 1722 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) ROSS, CAÂ 94957 \_X\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting (Zip) (City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned at end Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect of Issuer's (Instr. 4) (A) Fiscal Year (I) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 4) (D) Amount Price Common 22.5637 Â Â 03/01/2008 A Α 3,269.364 D 32.55 Stock (1) 21.9286 Common Â Â 06/01/2008 A Α 3,291.2926 33.75 Stock (2)

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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	isable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration Da	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securiti	ies	(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						
					(A) or						
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
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					4, and 5)						
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					(A) (D)				Shares		
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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GEORGE MICHAEL P

PO BOX 1722 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ROSS, CAÂ 94957

# **Signatures**

/s/ Michael P. 01/29/2009 George

\*\*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).
- (1) DER units credited on 3/1/2008 as dividend at FMV
- (2) DER units credited on 6/1/2008 as dividend at FMV
- (3) DER units credited on 9/1/2008 as dividend at FMV
- (4) DER units credited on 12/1/2008 as dividend at FMV
- (5) Updated 401(k) employee contributions of company stock

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