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### FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SPROWLS ROBERT J Issuer Symbol AMERICAN STATES WATER CO (Check all applicable) [AWR] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1713 N VALLEJO WAY 01/02/2010 President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **UPLAND, CA 91784** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 01/02/2010 F 214 (1) D 8,226.9962 D 35.41 Stock

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

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SPROWLS ROBERT J 1713 N VALLEJO WAY UPLAND, CA 91784

President & CEO

## **Signatures**

/s/ Robert J.

Sprowls 01/05/2010

\*\*Signature of Person 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) 487 previously reported RSU's vested on 01/02/2010 of which 214 were withheld to satisfy tax withholding

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