

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HARRIS MCCLELLAN III**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3419 VIA LIDO DRIVE PMB#334  
 (Street)  
 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
 [AWR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/02/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
common	01/28/2008		A	V 1,103 A	\$ 0 8,007.081	D	
common	01/02/2008		F	143 (2) D	\$ 34.02 7,864.081	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)**

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 34.11	01/28/2008		A	3,609	<u>(1)</u> 01/27/2018	common	3,609

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARRIS MCCLELLAN III 3419 VIA LIDO DRIVE PMB#334 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663			Sr. Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ McClellan  
Harris III  
Date: 01/30/2008

\*\*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).
- (1) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on January 27, 2009
- (2) 333 previously reported RSU's vested on 1/2/08; of which 143 were withheld to satisfy tax withholding

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