

GEORGE MICHAEL P  
Form 5  
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# FORM 5

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GEORGE MICHAEL P**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
PO BOX 1722  
  
(Street)  
  
ROSS, CA 94957  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
01/29/2009

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)  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
  
(check applicable line)

\_\_\_\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ 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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/01/2008	Â	A	(A) Amount 22.5637 (1) or (D) Price \$ 32.55	3,269.364	D	Â
Common Stock	06/01/2008	Â	A	(A) Amount 21.9286 (2) or (D) Price \$ 33.75	3,291.2926	D	Â
Common Stock	09/01/2008	Â	A	(A) Amount 18.8705 (3) or (D) Price \$ 39.51	3,310.1631	D	Â
Common Stock	12/01/2008	Â	A	(A) Amount 23.5348 (4) or (D) Price \$ 31.88	3,333.6979	D	Â
	12/31/2008	Â	A	(A) Amount \$ 0 or (D) Price	565.8421	I	401(k)

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Common Stock 397.2312  
(5)

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. 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable (A) Expiration Date (D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GEORGE MICHAEL P PO BOX 1722 ROSS, CA 94957	Â	Â	Â EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Michael P. George 01/29/2009  
 \*\*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) 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
- Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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