

Van Valer Robert A
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Van Valer Robert A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SJW CORP [SJW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4360 WORTH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/02/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90063

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Stock	01/02/2009		A	47 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 28.17	12,149 ⁽²⁾	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Van Valer Robert A 4360 WORTH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90063		X		

Signatures

/s/ Suzy Papazian Attorney-in-Fact for Robert A. Van Valer 01/02/2009

__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) The securities represent deferred shares of the issuer's common stock credited to the reporting person's deferred compensation account pursuant to dividend equivalent rights. Those rights resulted initially in the addition of cash sums to the account equal to the dividends which would have been paid during the 2008 calendar year on the deferred stock credited to such account had that stock actually been issued and outstanding on each dividend payment date, and the accumulated sums were then converted into additional shares of deferred stock on January 2, 2009 based on the average of the closing selling prices of the issuer's common stock on each of the dates during the 2008 calendar year on which actual dividends on the common stock were paid. The resulting shares of deferred stock will be distributed as actual shares of the issuer's common stock following the reporting person's cessation of service as a member of the issuer's board of directors.
- (2) Includes 10,000 shares of common stock and 2,149 shares of deferred stock which will be distributed as actual shares of the issuer's common stock following the reporting person's cessation of such service.

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