

SPROWLS ROBERT J  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
SPROWLS ROBERT J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Sr. Vice President Finance

630 E FOOTHILL BLVD  
(Street)

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

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

SAN DIMAS, CA 91773

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 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)
				(A) or (D) Amount or Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2008	Â	A	25.1285 (1) A \$ 32.55	4,130.9025	D	Â
Common Stock	06/01/2008	Â	A	24.4215 (2) A \$ 33.75	4,155.324	D	Â
Common Stock	09/01/2008	Â	A	21.0157 (3) A \$ 39.51	4,176.3397	D	Â
Common Stock	12/01/2008	Â	A	26.2103 (4) A \$ 31.88	4,202.55	D	Â
	12/31/2008	Â	A	A \$ 0	3,131.7872	I	401(k)

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Common Stock 727.8576  
(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
						Date Exercisable (A) (D)	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPROWLS ROBERT J 630 E FOOTHILL BLVD SAN DIMAS, CA 91773	Â	Â	Â Sr. Vice President Finance	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Robert J. Sprowls 02/03/2009

\*\*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 03/01/2008 as dividends at FMV
- (2) DER units credited on 06/01/2008 as dividends at FMV
- (3) DER units credited on 09/01/2008 as dividends at FMV
- (4) DER units credited on 12/01/2008 as dividends at FMV
- (5) Updated 401(k) employer contributions of company stock

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