

GEDNEY WILLIAM C  
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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 \*  
GEDNEY WILLIAM C

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)  
1021 JASMINE STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/07/2009

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

REDLANDS, CA 92374  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/02/2009		A		15.4199 (1) \$ 33.93	A	3,233.8261 D
Common Stock	06/01/2009		A		16.6316 (2) \$ 31.69	A	3,250.4577 D
Common Stock	09/01/2009		A		16.2004 (3) \$ 32.79	A	3,266.6581 D
Common Stock	12/01/2009		A		16.5923 (4) \$ 33.55	A	3,283.2504 D
Common Stock	12/04/2009		M		500 \$ 20.83	A	3,783.2504 D

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Common Stock      12/04/2009      S      500      D      \$ 34.41      3,283.2504      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)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.83	12/04/2009		M	500	04/30/2001 <sup>(5)</sup> 04/30/2010	Common Stock	500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GEDNEY WILLIAM C 1021 JASMINE STREET REDLANDS, CA 92374			Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ William C. Gedney      12/07/2009

\*\*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 03/02/09 as dividend at FMV

(2) DER units credited on 06/01/09 as dividend at FMV

(3) DER units credited on 09/01/09 as dividend at FMV

(4) DER units credited on 12/01/09 as dividend at FMV

(5) This option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 4/30/01, 33% on 4/30/02 and 34% on 4/30/03.

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