

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
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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 \*  
 KRUGER DENISE L

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)  
 5775 SOUTHVIEW  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/12/2008

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

YORBA LINDA, CA 92887  
 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
common stock	03/01/2008		A		16.7366 (1) \$ 32.55	A	3,836.8359 D
common stock	06/01/2008		A		16.2655 (2) \$ 33.75	A	3,853.1014 D
common stock	08/12/2008		M		9,075 \$ 23.43	A	12,928.1014 D
common stock	08/12/2008		S		25 \$ 40.78	D	12,903.1014 D
common stock	08/12/2008		S		900 \$ 40.61	D	12,003.1014 D

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common stock	08/12/2008	S	300	D	\$ 40.58	11,703.1014	D
common stock	08/12/2008	S	500	D	\$ 40.56	11,203.1014	D
common stock	08/12/2008	S	500	D	\$ 40.52	10,703.1014	D
common stock	08/12/2008	S	200	D	\$ 40.46	10,503.1014	D
common stock	08/12/2008	S	200	D	\$ 40.36	10,303.1014	D
Common stock	08/12/2008	S	500	D	\$ 40.31	9,803.1014	D
Common stock	08/12/2008	S	4,500	D	\$ 40.3	5,303.1014	D
Common stock	08/12/2008	S	150	D	\$ 40.27	5,153.1014	D
Common Stock	08/12/2008	S	100	D	\$ 40.26	5,053.1014	D
Common Stock	08/12/2008	S	500	D	\$ 40.23	4,553.1014	D
Common Stock	08/12/2008	S	600	D	\$ 40.19	3,953.1014	D
Common Stock	08/12/2008	S	100	D	\$ 40.18	3,853.1014	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)	8. D	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of

								Shares
common stock	\$ 23.43	08/12/2008	M	2,995	02/03/2003	02/03/2012	common stock	2,995
common stock	\$ 23.43	08/12/2008	M	2,995	02/03/2004	02/03/2012	common stock	2,995
common stock	\$ 23.43	08/12/2008	M	3,085	02/03/2005	02/03/2012	common stock	3,085

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KRUGER DENISE L 5775 SOUTHVIEW YORBA LINDA, CA 92887			Sr. Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Denise L                      08/14/2008  
\*\*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) DER units credited on 3/1/2008 as dividend at FMV
  - (2) DER units credited on 6/1/2008 as dividend at FMV

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