

HARRIS MCCLELLAN III  
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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 \*  
**HARRIS MCCLELLAN III**

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)  
 3419 VIA LIDO DRIVE PMB#334  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/05/2011

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

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Shares	03/01/2011		A		36.1409 (1) \$ 33.1	8,933.0188	D
Common Shares	06/01/2011		A		37.9762 (2) \$ 34.19	8,970.995	D
Common Shares	09/01/2011		A		37.3691 (3) \$ 35.03	9,008.3641	D
Common Shares	12/01/2011		A		37.3163 (4) \$ 35.36	9,045.6804	D
Common Shares	12/05/2011		M		4,105 \$ 25.92	13,150.6804	D

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Common Shares	12/05/2011	M	3,618	A	\$ 33.73	16,768.6804	D
Common Shares	12/05/2011	M	3,609	A	\$ 34.11	20,377.6804	D
Common Shares	12/05/2011	M	5,016	A	\$ 34.57	25,393.6804	D
Common Shares	12/05/2011	M	1,125	A	\$ 33.36	26,518.6804	D
Common Shares	12/05/2011	S	17,473	D	\$ 35.61	9,045.6804	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 (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	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.92	12/05/2011		M	4,105	01/02/2006 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/02/2015	Common Shares	4,105
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.73	12/05/2011		M	3,618	01/29/2007 <sup>(6)</sup>	01/29/2016	Common Shares	3,618
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.11	12/05/2011		M	3,609	01/27/2009 <sup>(7)</sup>	01/27/2018	Common Shares	3,609

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.57	12/05/2011	M	5,016	01/29/2010 <sup>(8)</sup>	01/29/2019	Common Shares	5,016
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.36	12/05/2011	M	1,125	01/31/2011 <sup>(9)</sup>	01/31/2020	Common Shares	1,125

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARRIS MCCLELLAN III 3419 VIA LIDO DRIVE PMB#334 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663			Sr. Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ McClellan  
Harris III

12/07/2011

\*\*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 3/1/2011 as dividend at FMV
- (2) DER units credited on 6/1/2011 as dividend at FMV
- (3) DER units credited on 9/1/2011 as dividend at FMV
- (4) DER units credited on 12/1/2011 as dividend at FMV
- (5) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 1/2/2006, 33% on 1/2/2007 and 34% on 1/2/2008
- (6) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 1/29/2007, 33% on 1/29/2008 and 34% on 1/29/2009
- (7) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 1/27/2009, 33% on 1/27/2010 and 34% on 1/27/2011
- (8) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 1/29/2010, 33% on 1/29/2011 and 34% on 1/29/2012
- (9) The option became exercisable as to 33% of the total number of shares subject to the option on 1/31/2011, 33% on 1/31/2012 and 34% on 1/31/2013

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