HARRIS MCCLELLAN III
Form 4
March 14, 2012

# FORM 4

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

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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) |
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(Last) (First) (Middle)

3419 VIA LIDO DRIVE PMB#334

(Street)

| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2012 | _____ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) Sr. Vice President |
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| | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663

(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 | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Shares | 02/15/2012 | | A | | 2,651 | A | $ 0 | 10,800.2479 | D | |
| Common Shares | 03/01/2012 | | A | | 20.0533 (1) | A | $ 36.38 | 10,820.3012 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

**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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | | | |

# 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

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| /s/ McClellan Harris III | 03/14/2012 |
| **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 3/1/2012 as dividend at FMV

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