

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â CHANG SHENGDER			(Month/Day/Year)	AMERICAN STATES WATER CO [AWR]	
DAVID			10/29/2007		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
22872 CAMINITO ORO			(Check all applicable)		
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below)		
LAGUNA HILLS, Â CA Â 92653			VP ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common	7	D	Â
Common	2,126.1399	I	401k

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee stock options	01/01/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/31/2012	Common	750	\$ 23.15	D	Â
Employee stock options	02/02/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/01/2014	Common	750	\$ 25.55	D	Â
Employee stock options	01/03/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/02/2015	Common	750	\$ 25.92	D	Â
Employee stock options	01/30/2006 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/29/2016	Common	750	\$ 33.73	D	Â
Employee stock options	01/02/2007 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/01/2017	Common	750	\$ 38.62	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHANG SHENGDER DAVID 22872 CAMINITO ORO LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653	Â	Â	Â VP ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Shengder D.  
Chang

11/09/2007

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The option vests in 3 annual installments of 33%, 33% and 34% of the number of shares subject to the option beginning January 1, 2004
- (2) The option vests in 3 annual installments of 33%, 33% and 34% of the number of shares subject to the option beginning February 2, 2005
- (3) The option vests in 3 annual installments of 33%, 33% and 34% of the number of shares subject to the option beginning January 2, 2006
- (4) The option vests in 3 annual installments of 33%, 33% and 34% of the number of shares subject to the option beginning January 29, 2007
- (5) The option vests in 3 annual installments of 33%, 33% and 34% of the number of shares subject to the option beginning Jan. ;1, 2008

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