

SPROWLS ROBERT J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
SPROWLS ROBERT J

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)  
1713 N VALLEJO WAY  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/08/2017

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

UPLAND, CA 91784

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

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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Shares                   | 08/08/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 2,000   | A  | \$ 17.29                          |
| Common Shares                   | 08/08/2017                           |  | S                              |   | 2,000   | D  | \$ 51                             |
| Common Shares                   | 08/09/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 7,586   | A  | \$ 17.29                          |
| Common Shares                   | 08/09/2017                           |  | S                              |   | 4,593   | D  | \$ 51.01                          |
| Common Shares                   | 08/09/2017                           |  | S                              |   | 2,715   | D  | \$ 51                             |
|                                 | 08/09/2017                           |  | S                              |   | 278   | D  |                                   |

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Common Shares \$ 51.02

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V (A) (D)                 |   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 17.29   | 08/08/2017                           |  | M                              | 2,000   | 01/29/2010 01/29/2019                                    | Common Shares   | 2,000                      |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 17.29   | 08/09/2017                           |  | M                              | 7,586   | 01/29/2010 01/29/2019                                    | Common Shares   | 7,586                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| SPROWLS ROBERT J<br>1713 N VALLEJO WAY<br>UPLAND, CA 91784 |               |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Robert J. Sprowls  
08/10/2017  
Date

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

## 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).

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