

LESTER HOWARD  
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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 \*  
**LESTER HOWARD**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/06/2010**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**CHAIRMAN & CEO**

**3250 VAN NESS AVENUE**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109**

(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	Price	
Common Stock	03/08/2010		J		1,477	D \$ 23.31	362 <sup>(1)</sup> I by Managed Account
Common Stock	03/06/2010		M		229,500	A \$ 9.4688	2,244,862 I by Trust
Common Stock	03/06/2010		F		93,225 <sup>(2)</sup>	D \$ 23.31	2,151,637 I by Trust
Common Stock	03/06/2010		F		59,324 <sup>(3)</sup>	D \$ 23.31	2,092,313 I by Trust

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.4688	03/06/2010		M	229,500	(4) 03/07/2010	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LESTER HOWARD 3250 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109	X		CHAIRMAN & CEO	

## Signatures

By: Attorney-in-Fact: Laurel Pies For: Howard Lester

03/08/2010

\*\*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).

The reporting person owns \$8,442.89 in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a statement dated March 8, 2010. The number of shares indirectly owned was calculated by dividing the amount owned in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund by \$23.31, the closing price of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. common stock on March 5, 2010.

(2) Shares received to satisfy the aggregate exercise price on exercise of option.

(3) Represents the number of shares withheld upon option exercise to cover tax withholding obligations.

(4) The option vested in equal installments on March 7, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

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