

LESTER HOWARD  
Form 4  
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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)  
  
3250 VAN NESS AVENUE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/25/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**CHAIRMAN & CEO**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

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

(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)
Common Stock	03/26/2010		J	142 A	\$ 27.1 504 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	by Managed Account
Common Stock	03/25/2010		S	75,000 D	\$ 27.7147 <sup>(2)</sup> 2,019,895 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	by Trust <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	03/29/2010		M	100,000 A	\$ 15 2,119,895	I	by Trust
Common Stock	03/29/2010		S	100,000 D	\$ 26.7928 <sup>(5)</sup> 2,019,895	I	by Trust

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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)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15	03/29/2010		M	100,000	<u>(6)</u> 04/25/2010	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

03/29/2010

\_\_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).
- (1) The reporting person owns \$13,671.34 in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a statement dated March 26, 2010. The number of shares indirectly owned was calculated by dividing the amount owned in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund by \$27.10, the closing price of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. common stock on March 25, 2010.
- (2) Reflects the weighted average price as the shares were sold in multiple transactions. The per share transaction price ranged from \$27.60 to \$27.8925. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) Includes 2,582 shares acquired by the Reporting Person pursuant to distributions from his 401(k) account in December 2008 and December 2009 and are now held directly by the Lester Family Trust.
- (4) Shares held directly by the Lester Family Trust for which the Reporting Person serves as trustee.

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- Reflects the weighted average price as the shares were sold in multiple transactions. The per share transaction price ranged from \$26.75 to
- (5) \$27.00. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
  - (6) The option vested in equal installments on April 25, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

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