

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC  
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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**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3250 VAN NESS AVENUE

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]**

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

08/31/2006

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

09/05/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                    | 08/31/2006                           |  | P                              | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>A   | Amount<br>352,211<br>(1)<br>Price<br>\$ 29.46   | 7,002,269  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/31/2006                           |  | J                              | 194   | A<br>\$ 29.46   | 35,310 (2)   | I<br>by<br>Managed<br>Account                         |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| LESTER HOWARD<br>3250 VAN NESS AVENUE<br>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109 | X             |           | Chairman & CEO |       |

## Signatures

Nicolas de Porcel, Attorney-in-Fact for: Howard Lester  
Date: 09/05/2006

\_\_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 received 352,211 shares of WSM stock in connection with his redemption of a portion of his interest in an exchange fund. The shares were valued at \$29.4600 per share, the closing price of the stock on 8/31/06, for the purpose of determining the number of shares distributable to him in connection with the redemption.

(2) The reporting person owns \$1,040,233.69 in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a statement dated August 31, 2006. The number of shares indirectly owned and noted on Table I was calculated by dividing the amount owned in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund by \$29.46, the closing price of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. common stock on August 31, 2006.

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