

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 *
CONNOLLY PAT

(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)
 02/19/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/19/2016		M	50,000 A \$ 40.44	508,742	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2016		F	5,717 (1) D \$ 57.91	503,025	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2016		D	34,917 (2) D \$ 57.91	468,108	D	
Common Stock					39,915	I	By Managed Account (3)
					225,000	I	By LLC

Common
Stock

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)
Stock Settled Stock Appreciation Right (ssar)	\$ 40.44	02/19/2016		M	50,000	03/15/2007 ⁽⁴⁾ 03/15/2016	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CONNOLLY PAT 3250 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109	X		EVP	

Signatures

/s/ Phil Louridas, Attorney-in-Fact for Patrick J. Connolly
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 02/22/2016
 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) Reflects the number of shares retained by the issuer to satisfy tax withholding requirements in connection with the reporting person's exercise of a stock-settled stock appreciation right.
- (2) Reflects the number of shares retained by the issuer in connection with the reporting person's exercise of a stock-settled stock appreciation right.

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- (3) Represents the number of shares held by the reporting person in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. Stock Fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a statement dated February 19, 2016.
- (4) These stock-settled stock appreciation rights vested at a rate of 20% per year over five years, becoming partially vested on March 15, 2007 and fully vested and immediately exercisable on March 15, 2011.

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