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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  SULLIVAN WILLIAM D  (Last) (First) (Middle)  1776 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 700 |     |            |  |         |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [ SM ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2009  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |              |                                    |                                |         |                               |          |                                    |                                     | Officer (give title Othe  |  |               | 10% Ow<br>Other (s<br>below)   | pecify   |
|---|-----|------------|--|---------|---|---|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---------------|--|--|
| (Street) DENVER CO 80203 (City) (State) (Zip)   |     |            |  |         |   |   |              |                                    |                                |         |                               |          |                                    | X                                   | Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |               |  |  |
| Date  |     |            |  |         | nsaction 2A. De<br>Execu-<br>n/Day/Year) if any |   |              | A. Deemed<br>xecution Date,<br>any |                                | 3. 4. 5 |                               | ties Acc | guired (A)<br>(Instr. 3,           | or                                  | 5. Amount<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Following I                          | ities<br>icially Owned<br>ving Reported  |               | nership<br>Direct (D)<br>irect (I)<br>4)                                 | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)              |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 02/2:   |     |            |  |         |   | 8/2009  |              |                                    | Code                           | v       | Amount 784                    |          | (A) or<br>(D)                      | Price                               | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |               | D  | (1150.4)   |
| Table II - De   |     |            |  | e.g., p | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.               |   | Derivative I |                                    | , ·                            |         | ble and 7. Tit                |          | and Ame<br>ties Under<br>tive Secu | ount of<br>orlying<br>rity (Instr.  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                             | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transacti | e<br>s<br>lly | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Restricted Stock<br>Unit  | (1) | 02/28/2009 |  |         | de<br>M   | v   | (A)          | (D)                                | Date<br>Exercisab<br>02/28/200 | le D    | xpiration<br>ate<br>2/28/2009 |          | nmon<br>ock                        | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares | \$0   | (Instr. 4)   |               | D  |  |

# Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock units were granted on February 28, 2006, are associated with fiscal year 2005, and vest in four equal installments beginning on the grant date. On the vesting dates, shares are issued to the reporting person, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.

### Remarks:

<u>Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)</u> 03/03/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Brenda L. Schohn, James C. Robertson, Karin M. Writer, and C. Mark Brannum, or any one of them acting singly, and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of St. Mary Land & Exploration Company (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any securities exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 24th day of September, 2008.

/s/ William D. Sullivan

## **CONFIRMING STATEMENT**

This Statement confirms that the undersigned, William D. Sullivan, has authorized and designated each of Brenda L. Schohn, Karin M. Writer, James C. Robertson, and C. Mark Brannum, signing singly, to execute and file on the undersigned's behalf all Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of St. Mary Land & Exploration Company. The authority of each of Brenda L. Schohn, Karin M. Writer, James C. Robertson, and C. Mark Brannum under this Statement shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with regard to the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of St. Mary Land & Exploration Company, unless earlier revoked in writing. The undersigned acknowledges that neither Brenda L. Schohn, Karin M. Writer, James C. Robertson nor C. Mark Brannum is assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Dated: September 24, 2008 /s/ William D. Sullivan