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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Knight Cheryl

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

First California Financial Group, Inc.

[FCAL]

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director _X__ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

below)

EVP & CRO, First Calif. Bank

3027 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 02/25/2009 300

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361

(State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount Price (D)

Common 02/25/2009 Stock

4,145 \$0 A 4,145 (1)

D

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 1 5 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.93	02/25/2009		A	11,105	(2)	02/25/2017	Common Stock	11,105	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Knight Cheryl			EVP &				
3027 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 300			CRO, First				
WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361			Calif. Bank				

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ Cheryl
Knight

**Signature of 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) Represents restricted stock that will vest in five equal annual installments on each of February 25, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (2) The option will vest in five equal annual installments on each of February 25, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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