

FINGER JENNIFER J
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FORM 4

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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 *
FINGER JENNIFER J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WESTAMERICA
BANCORPORATION [WABC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/22/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
SVP/Treasurer

WESTAMERICA
BANCORPORATION, 4550
MANGELS BLVD.

(Street)

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

FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	04/22/2009		M		3,843 A \$ 24	6,467.809	D
Common Stock	04/22/2009		S		3,843 D \$ 51.003 (1)	2,624.809	D
Common Stock	04/23/2009		M		7,933 A \$ 24	10,557.809	D
Common Stock	04/23/2009		S		7,933 D \$ 50.5345 (2)	2,624.809	D

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Common Stock	25,030	I	Deferred
Common Stock	726.239	I	Esop

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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)	\$ 24	04/22/2009		M	3,843	01/25/2001 ⁽³⁾ 01/25/2010	Common Stock 3
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24	04/23/2009		M	7,933	01/25/2001 ⁽³⁾ 01/25/2010	Common Stock 7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FINGER JENNIFER J WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION 4550 MANGELS BLVD. FAIRFIELD, CA 94534				SVP/Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer J. Finger
Date: 04/24/2009

**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) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The sale price ranges from \$51.00 to \$51.03.
- (2) This is a weighted average price of multiple transactions for the same option. The sale price ranges from \$50.14 to \$50.94.
- (3) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

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