

PAYNE DAVID L  
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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 \*  
PAYNE DAVID L

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)  
07/20/2010

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/20/2010		M	74,400 A \$ 39.4062	394,495	I	By Trust
Common Stock	07/20/2010		S	74,400 D \$ 51.87 (1)	320,095	I	By Trust
Common Stock	07/20/2010		M	9,990 A \$ 39.4062	330,085	I	By Trust
Common Stock					0	D	
					459	I	

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Common Stock				By Daughter
Common Stock	528,837 <sup>(2)</sup>	I		By Gibson Radio & Publishing Company
Common Stock	462	I		By Son
Common Stock	10,924,913	I		Esop

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.4062	07/20/2010		M	74,400	01/25/2002	01/25/2011	Common Stock	74,400
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.4062	07/20/2010		M	9,990	01/25/2002	01/25/2011	Common Stock	9,990

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAYNE DAVID L WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION 4550 MANGELS BLVD. FAIRFIELD, CA 94534	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ David L.  
Payne

07/22/2010

\_\_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 price ranges from \$51.75 to \$52.41.

(2) Mr. Payne is President and CEO of Gibson Radio and Publishing and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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