

Schuler James
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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 *
Schuler James

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EAST WEST BANCORP INC
[EWBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

EAST WEST BANK, 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FL.

(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

PASADENA, CA 91101

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---|--|
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| (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|--|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Time-Based Restricted Stock Units | <u>(1)</u> | 03/08/2012 | A | | 4,286 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 4,286 |
| Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 03/08/2012 | A | | 5,238 | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 5,238 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Schuler James EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FL. PASADENA, CA 91101 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

Douglas P. Krause,
Attorney-in-Fact
03/12/2012

**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) Time Vesting Restricted Stock Units will vest in 3 years. On the settlement date, for each vested RSU, the reporting person will receive one share of Common Stock. Vesting is also subject to meeting pre-established earning goals.
- Performance Based Restricted Stock Units vest in 3 years. Number of units that will vest depends on meeting performance criteria. 5,238
- (2) units are for the performance maximum if pre-established performance goals are met. On the settlement date, for each vested RSU, the reporting person will receive one share of Common Stock.

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